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OPEC ministers to meet March 26

BAHRAIN, Feb. 19 (R)—OPEC ministers will hold a consultative meeting in Geneva on March 26, the petroleum minister of the United Arab Emirates announced today.

Industry sources said the meeting was bound to discuss the impact of the loss of Iranian crude oil supplies on world prices.

The Emirates' minister, Jassim bin Jassim, said the meeting would discuss the current situation in the oil industry, the market, and the behavior of oil companies towards the world.

His statement, published by the official Emirates News Agency, did not say if all 13 members of OPEC—the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries—had agreed to attend the meeting.

The statement came a few hours after Venezuelan Petroleum Minister Valentin Hernandez Acosta, now in Kuwait, called publicly for an emergency ministerial-level meeting of OPEC specifically to discuss the Iranian situation.

Hernandez, whose country is the world's third-biggest oil exporter, said the meeting was necessary.

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Gulf rulers receive messages from Khaled

MANAMA, Feb. 19 (SPA)—The ruler of Bahrain, Sheikh Salman bin Isa bin Salman al Khalifa, Monday received a message from King Khaled.

The message was delivered by Sheikh Abdul-Aziz Al-Thunayan, the Saudi foreign secretary.

Earlier Sheikh Thunayan has delivered a similar message to Kuwaiti ruler Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak in Kuwait. The Saudi emissary has a Kuwaiti heir apparent and deputy Premier Sheikh Saad Abdullah Al-Sabah and Foreign Minister Sheikh Saad Thunayan told reporters his tour was the first of regular consultations between Saudi Arabia and the countries of the region.



Abdul Aziz al Thunayan

Kingdom to aid North Yemen media

SANAA, Feb. 19 (R)—Saudi Arabia will provide North Yemen with scientific and information equipment worth SR100 million, Minister of Information and Culture Muhammad Saleh Basedwah said.

He told reporters on his return from a week-long visit

to the Kingdom that his talks on information were extremely successful.

Basedwah was received by Crown Prince Fahd and held talks with his counterpart Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani and other officials.

He said that Yamani had accepted an invitation to visit Sanaa at a date to be fixed.



TO DHAKA: King Khaled (left) and Queen Elizabeth leave Riyadh for Dhahran Monday.—(SPA)

'New understanding' Queen honors Khaled on yacht

By Edna Greene

DHAKA, Feb. 19 — King Khaled was guest of honor Monday evening at a dinner given by Bangladesh's Queen Elizabeth II on board the royal yacht Britannia in Damman Port.

The dinner was also attended by Crown Prince Fahd, Second Deputy Premier Prince Abdulhadi and Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan.

It marked the last official function in the Queen's three-day visit to Saudi Arabia — a visit which, in the Queen's words, "symbolizes the transformation of our previous relationship with Saudi Arabia and all Gulf countries into a new understanding based on mutual respect and common understanding."

The Queen later held a party for Britons working in the Kingdom before sailing for Doha on the next leg of her six-country Gulf tour.

Earlier, on arrival Monday morning from Riyadh, the Queen gave an address at the University of Petroleum and Minerals in Dhahran.

Alluding to the timeliness of her visit in light of the troubles in Iran which forced cancellation of her stop there, the

Queen told university community members, "In light of recent events in the area which have made us all wonder about the future, I am especially glad to have the opportunity of reaffirming our common purposes in this new setting."

The Queen expressed her sympathy with the "aim of all the people in Saudi Arabia to benefit from the modern technological age while continuing to maintain traditional values."

She also thanked Saudi Arabia for its "moderating influence under the far-sighted guidance of his Majesty King Khaled."

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Arafat opens PLO office

'Iranians to fight for Palestine'

TEHRAN, Feb. 19 (AP)—Iranians will fight alongside Palestinian forces against Israel, Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat said Monday.

He was speaking as he officially took over the former Israeli diplomatic mission and proclaimed it the office of the PLO in Iran.

"We freed Iran today and we will do the same with Palestine tomorrow," Arafat said.

"Under the leadership of Ayatollah Khomeini and with the help of Iranian freedom-fighters, we will free Palestine."

The government of the deposed Shah, who maintained unofficial diplomatic and trade relations with Israel, accused the PLO and other Palestinian groups of training and financing some Iranian guerrilla movements, now operating openly after playing an important role in the revolution which ousted the monarchy eight days ago.

Arafat, the first prominent visitor to Iran since the revolution, said Palestinian and Iranian aims were identical.

"We will continue our efforts until the time when we defeat imperialism and Zionism," he said.

A close aide of Khomeini, Deputy Prime Minister Ibrahim Yazdi, also attended the inauguration of the PLO office and referred to the identity of the two causes and the large number of Palestinian sacrifices in the PLO's struggle against Israel.

"These are the same sacrifices which eliminated the biggest base of imperialism in Iran," he declared.

U.S. officials, who were unable to confirm the report, said the only American assigned to the consulate, Consul Michael Metzko, had returned to Tehran from Tabriz on Sunday.



VICTORY CELEBRATION: Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan of Iranian provisional government (left) joins a victory celebration with Yasser Arafat, PLO chief, and other Iranian officials at a press conference in Tehran Sunday. (AP wirephoto)

In pursuance of its new revolutionary stance, Iran Sunday night announced it was expelling 67 remaining Israelis from the country, mostly agricultural experts and staff of El Al airline.

Most other Israelis, including the staff of the diplomatic mission, had already left.

Outside the building on Tehran's Kakh Avenue unofficial signs reading "Palestine Avenue" appeared Monday.

Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan said in Tel Aviv, "I am sorry about it, but we have to accept it as a fact of life," Dayan said when asked about the break. He was leaving for the resumption at Camp David of peace talks with Egypt, which he said would be affected "in a negative way" by the Iranian developments.

The Ayatollah meanwhile issued fresh warnings, in broadcast statements, against "attempts by certain elements to sabotage the revolution."

He stressed the importance of adhering to Islamic principles, and his remarks were seen as being addressed to Iran's Communists and Marxist guerrillas, now operating openly for the first time in 25 years.

The chief of staff of the armed forces, Gen. Muhsin (Continued on back page)

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Oil industry officials claimed the overwhelming majority of the country's oil workers joined other elements of society and returned to work Saturday, again on Khomeini's orders.

Chinese halt attack

Drive ends close to Viet border

PEKING, Feb. 19 (Agencies)—Chinese troops were believed putting back to the border after their weekend incursions into Vietnam, diplomatic sources said Monday. There was no official confirmation.

Western intelligence sources Monday in Bangkok said they believed the intention of the Chinese invasion was to "teach Vietnam a lesson" and that elements of some Chinese units are possibly withdrawing to China.

China announced Saturday that its border forces had "counter-attacked" in response to what Peking described as provocations on the part of the Vietnamese.

Earlier Monday Senior Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping told the secretary-general of the Organization of American States (OAS) that Peking's conflict with Vietnam was a limited one and purely a reaction to provocation on Hanoi's part.

The OAS Secretary-General Alejandro Orfila said Teng had made it clear the action would be a limited one, "an action reacting to provocation that will be circumspect to take care of this particular situation, and it will not be extended or expanded in any other way."

In Washington, meanwhile, U.S. officials said they see no threat to the United States' immediate interests if the Soviet Union, which sharply criticized China's invasion, becomes involved in the Asian conflict.

It was felt that the fighting was not likely to develop into a major crisis beyond Asia, and a senior White House official said he had seen no evidence to indicate China planned to overrun its southern neighbor.

But, he said, "I don't think it is possible to predict how far the Chinese will go."

The official, who asked not to be named, described U.S.

intelligence on the fighting as "quite good."

The United States, considering itself the only global power in a position to talk effectively with both Moscow and Peking, contacted the two capitals after the fighting began Saturday.

Other officials, who also asked not to be identified, said the United States used its new relationship with China to tell Peking in no uncertain terms that it disapproved of the move against Hanoi. The U.S. these officials said, called on the Soviet Union privately, in addition to its public statements, not to try to counter the Chinese attack.

The White House official said that although Moscow and Hanoi had signed an agreement of "friendship and cooperation," the U.S. interpretation of the pact is that it commits the two only to consultations.

Vietnam claimed Monday that its armed forces and people have inflicted "heavy losses" on 12 Chinese divisions, killing 3,500 troops and destroying 80 Chinese tanks.

The Voice of Vietnam, monitored in Bangkok, said the armed forces in Hoang Lien Son province over the past two days killed more than 1,000 Chinese, destroyed tens of Chinese tanks and inflicted heavy losses to three divisions.

In areas of Cao Bang province, almost 1,000 Chinese troops were killed and 30 Chinese tanks destroyed, the broadcast said.

Fierce fighting was reported Monday in areas of Hanoi and Dong Dang villages in Lang Son province, where Vietnamese killed more than 600 Chinese and destroyed 20 tanks, the radio said.

In Phong Tho village, Lai Chau province, the Vietnamese (Continued on back page)

Dayan plays down Camp David outcome

TEL AVIV, Feb. 19 (Agencies)—Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan set off Monday for a further round of peace talks at Camp David, Maryland, and said it would probably take a new summit meeting to achieve progress.

Dayan and his team of negotiators appeared under no illusions that the obstacles which have blocked conclusion of peace treaty between Israel and Egypt were about to melt away.

Dayan, who left for the United States Monday told airport reporters: "I am not optimistic or pessimistic. An initiative for the meeting was taken by the Americans, so apparently they do think there is a way to overcome the difficulties between us and the Egyptians, otherwise they would not have called for this meeting."

"But even if they are right, and we shall see, that during the talks at Camp David two there is a way to reach agreement I myself think that practically it will not end up successfully without a summit meeting," he said.

Also Monday, the Egyptian Prime Minister Mustafa Khalil, who heads his country's delegation to the peace talks, left Cairo en route to the United States.

Khalil, who refused to answer reporters' questions about prospects for the renewed talks, was accompanied by a six-man team of negotiators.

The Egyptian delegation Monday stopped over in London for talks with Prime Minister James Callaghan before flying on to Washington Tuesday.

President Anwar Sadat has instructed the delegation to insist that a peace treaty with Israel be linked with a comprehensive Middle East settlement.

Bangladesh party wins elections

DAKKA, Feb. 19 (R)—President Ziaur Rahman's Bangladesh National Party (BNP) Monday swept to victory in the country's parliamentary elections and was expected to secure a two-thirds majority in the new 300-seat parliament.

Zia, 44, came to power in a military coup in 1975 and Bangladesh has been under martial law ever since.

After two days of voting the election results started coming in Sunday night and by late Monday Zia's party had passed the vital 150-seat mark. The BNP is expected to take 200 of the 300 seats.

Zia arranged for 30 seats to be reserved for women candidates without contest and this apparently succeeded in winning the hearts and minds of women voters.

Women have been traditionally kept out of public life. Zia, who retains ultimate (Continued on back page)



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Various Foodstuffs 38,321

Fruit 1,324
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Meat 3,440
Eggs 232
Sub-Total for Foodstuffs 92,704

2. CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

Cement 70,708
Steel 20,649
Timber 7,164
General Building Materials 61,555
Sub-Total for Construction Materials 160,076

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Vehicles in number 4,968
Vehicles in tons 65,932

4. LIVESTOCK

Number of Head 20,272

5. OTHER GENERAL CARGO 64,634

TOTAL DISCHARGED:

(A) 383,348 Tons Cargo
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1. FOODSTUFFS

Flour/Wheat 940
Maize —
Barley —
Rice 6116
Sugar 57
Tea —
Other Foods 7427
Fruit 931
Chicken 1311
Meat 578
Eggs 321
Sub-Total for Foodstuffs 17681

2. CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

Cement 41754
Steel 20614
Timber 5787
General Building Materials 8919
Sub-Total for Construction Materials 77074

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Vehicles in Number 1951
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4. LIVESTOCK

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After Saud-Owen talks

Britain rules out support for separate peace treaty



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New ID cards to boost illegal aliens campaign

JEDDAH, Feb. 19 — An unidentified foreign company has been awarded a contract to provide identity cards for all Saudi citizens and dependents. "Al-Jazirah" newspaper reported Monday.

The new identity cards will not replace but will supplement the citizenship certificates now issued to all Saudi nationals, the paper said. The minister was quoted as saying that he has intensified the campaign against illegal residents in Saudi Arabia. Those without legal work permits and sponsors are being deported, he said.

By James Buchan
RIYADH, Feb. 19 — Britain would not give its support to a "bilateral and exclusive" peace treaty between Egypt and Israel, British Foreign Secretary Dr. David Owen said here Sunday night.

The statement to Saudi journalists represents a major clarification of British reservations about the current peace process and represents some closing of the Saudi and British positions.

Earlier, Dr. Owen, who attended Queen Elizabeth II on her three-day official visit to Saudi Arabia, held talks with Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal. The five o'clock meeting was the only formal contact slated for Dr. Owen during the visit, which ended Monday night.

The British position has always been one of support for the movement toward a settlement toward a settlement between Israel and Egypt, initiated by President Sadat's visit to Jerusalem in 1977. Britain hailed the announcement of the Camp David principles last summer.

However, Britain has always insisted that an Egyptian

Israeli treaty should lead to a comprehensive settlement and a homeland for the Palestinians, British officials said.

Saudi Arabia has expressed clear reservations about the Camp David principles, on a number of grounds but particularly because the Kingdom was not convinced that an Israeli-Egyptian agreement would lead to a comprehensive settlement or any full restitution of rights to the Palestinians.

In a bid to restart the stalled peace negotiations, a seven-man Egyptian delegation led by Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil left for another round of talks at Camp David with U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan.

Oxford hosts director of Jubail, Yanbu

LONDON, Feb. 19 — As guest of the British government, the Director-General of the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu, Dr. Farouk Alkhdar ended a busy week of engagements with a visit to Oxford where he lunched with members of the Middle East Center at St. Anthony's College.

Earlier, the secretary-general had met Minister of State for Industry Alan Williams and the Secretary of State for Trade John Smith. In London, he also met the manager for the Middle East and Africa of the Confederation of British Industry (CBI), D. A. Johnson. The CBI sponsored a seminar on industrial development in Saudi Arabia.

Accompanying Dr. Alkhdar are his advisor and private secretary Amer bin Halim and Fared Khashoggi.



Nur Misuari, leader of the Moro National Liberation Front in the southern Philippines.

Malaysia youth to give kidney to ailing Saudi

JEDDAH, Feb. 19 — A Malaysian Muslim youth, Said Mustafa bin Said, has volunteered to donate one of his kidneys to an ailing Saudi suffering from incurable kidney disease, "Okaz" newspaper reported Monday.

The Saudi has been languishing in a London hospital for two years and has presumably been undergoing dialysis treatment whereby the victim is connected to a machine which cleanses the blood.

Doctors in recent years have nearly perfected the kidney transplant and now view it as infinitely preferable to the laborious and painful dialysis

treatment. "Okaz" newspaper published Muhammad Abdul Aziz Al Jasser's appeal for help Feb. 6. He said he would pay "any sum that might be named" to anyone who volunteered to supply a kidney.

Said said he seeks neither compensation nor publicity. The paper quoted him as saying he sees his act as a duty to a Muslim brother — "nothing more, nothing less." Said said "a Muslim cannot sell any part of his body for money as it was given him by his creator."

Al-Jasser's family live in the Bukhariya area of Jeddah.

Islamic conference intensifies drive for peace in Philippines

By Farouk Lughman
JEDDAH, Feb. 19 — The General Secretariat of the Islamic Conference has resumed attempts to bring peace to the southern Philippines. Rebel sources told "Arab News" that the conference is mediating the dispute between the government of President Marcos and the rebels of the Moro National Liberation Front, led by Nur Misuari, and the Banga Moro Liberation Organization headed by Sultan Harun Rashid Luckman.

The Secretary General of the Islamic Conference Karim Gani has received a message from President Marcos agreeing in principle to talks between his government and the two fronts, which are seeking the autonomy of the 13 southern, Muslim-dominated states of the Philippines.

Gani's first task was to persuade the two fronts to unite in order to negotiate with President Marcos government. It is understood that no serious problems stand in the way of reconciliation between the two fronts but they have set a number of conditions for talks with the government, according to Nur Misuari.

Iraqi minister arrives in Doha on tour of Gulf

DOHA, Feb. 19 (SPA) — Iraqi Minister of Communications Ali Hussein Al-Hamdani arrived here Sunday on a three-day visit to Qatar. He is on a tour of the Gulf.

Hamdani, who is also chairman of the Board of Directors of the Arabian Industrial Investments Corporation, said that he planned to brief Qatari officials on the activities of the corporation.

The corporation, the fourth established under the auspices of the Arab Economic Unity Council, has a capital of \$150 million. Saudi Arabia contributed 15 per cent of this initial fund, or about \$22 million.

—reinstating the Tripoli Agreement of December 1976, allegedly abrogated by the government. The agreement was signed in Tripoli under the auspices of the Libyan President Moammar Qaddafi.

—the Islamic Secretariat should be given the task of supervising the implementation of the agreement or any other accord reached during negotiations.

—the talks should be held outside the Philippines.

The Tripoli Agreement was believed at the time to be a compromise between the rebels' demand for outright independence for the southern provinces and the government's refusal to talk to them at all.

Several Muslim leaders have urged the rebels to unite in order to reach a peaceful solution.

President Marcos issued a call recently to the exiled leaders to return and put up their own candidates for elections. But the leaders are demanding a new accord within the framework of the Tripoli Agreement, a new registration of voters which they hope will prove that Muslims form the majority in the 13 southern states, and the lifting of martial law.

Fawaz to return after treatment

JEDDAH, Feb. 19 (SPA) — Governor of Mecca Prince Fawaz is to return here Wednesday afternoon after a medical check-up abroad.

National dress urged for students

RIYADH, Feb. 19 (SPA) — Minister of Education Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khwaritar Monday urged all students to wear the national dress at school and college. The minister's instructions will be relayed to all schools in Saudi Arabia. Dr. Khwaritar said the staff of Saudi schools should provide suitable role models for their students.

Riyadh charity fund gets SR565,750

RIYADH, Feb. 19 (SPA) — The Philanthropic Society of Riyadh received a total of SR 565,750 in contribution, it was announced here Monday. Of this amount, SR 450,000 represents the annual subsidy from the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, SR 60,000 as monthly donation from Dalhah Company, SR 50,000 from an anonymous donor, SR 2,750 from Dr. Ghazi Algosaibi and SR 3,000 from the members of the organization.

New hospital planned for Mecca

JEDDAH, Feb. 19 — A 500-bed hospital is to be built in Mecca, it was reported by "Okaz" newspaper Monday. The hospital, will be built on a quarter of a million square meters of land. The paper quoted Dr. Abbas Hamza Al-Marzouqi, director general of health affairs of the Western Province, as saying ground will be broken during the Health Ministry's next fiscal year.

Gen. Humaid sees Indonesia officer

RIYADH, Feb. 19 (SPA) — Armed Forces Chief-of-Staff Gen. Othman Al-Humaid Monday met the visiting Indonesian chief-of-staff and his delegation. The Indonesian general earlier in the day inspected King Faisal Air Academy and King Abdul Aziz Military Academy.

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Kabul rejects U.S. protest over ambassador's killing

KABUL, Feb. 19 (AP) — Afghanistan rejects as "completely baseless" the U.S. charge that it badly mismanaged the abduction of American Ambassador Adolph Dubs which ended with his shooting death, Vice Premier Hafizullah Amin said Monday.

"I see no reason for any aspect for which we could be blamed," Amin said at a press conference. It was the Afghan government's first public reaction to the strong American protest.

Dubs' body returned to sorrowing salute

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP) — The body of U.S. Ambassador Adolph Dubs was returned to the United States Sunday and met by President Carter, who expressed "sadness and outrage" at Dubs' killing in Afghanistan last week.

"We condemn those who would participate in such a despicable act of violence," Carter said. He said he was outraged "at the senseless terrorism of those who pay inadequate value to human life."

U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, also at the ceremony, said, "We will fight terrorism with all our resolve and resources."

Dubs, 58, was shot to death last Wednesday in a gun battle between police and four terrorists who had kidnapped him in Kabul. He was the fifth U.S. ambassador killed in the line of duty in just over a decade.

Iraq expels three Swedish diplomats

BAGHDAD, Feb. 19 (AP) — The Iraqi government Monday announced it had formally asked the Swedish government to withdraw three of its diplomats from its Baghdad embassy.

The official Iraqi News Agency said the request was in retaliation for action taken by Sweden last week in expelling three Iraqi diplomats from Sweden, for alleged involvement in illegal intelligence activities.

The agency identified the three Swedish diplomats about to be expelled as Hans Ole Anderson, the first commercial secretary, Tommy Bolte, the second commercial secretary and miss Eva Johansson, a private secretary at the embassy.

Amin said the ambassador had refused a police escort offered three months ago and had been warned earlier by Afghan security police that he was being followed.

Amin, 51, who is also foreign minister, is considered the most powerful man in the pro-Soviet regime after President Nur Mohammad Taraki.

The Afghan leader told foreign reporters he hoped his regime's expressions of grief over Dubs' death Wednesday at the hands of still unidentified terrorists would help ease the strain between Kabul and Washington.

Commenting on the U.S. embassy's complaint that Afghan authorities ignored its advice to avoid force to free Dubs, Amin said:

"No American in the entire world can tell me to allow the terrorists to assassinate the ambassador and not act."

Dubs, 58, was abducted by four gunmen while being driven to work. Taken to a downtown Kabul hotelroom, he was killed during a 40-second gunbattle between Afghan authorities and the kidnappers, who demanded the release of a political prisoner named Bahruddin Bahar.

"We consider the (American) protest completely baseless because we took measures with a high spirit of humanity and purpose of saving the life of the ambassador," he said.

Amin denied there were Soviet officials advising Afghan security police at the hotel during the 3 1/2 hour drama.

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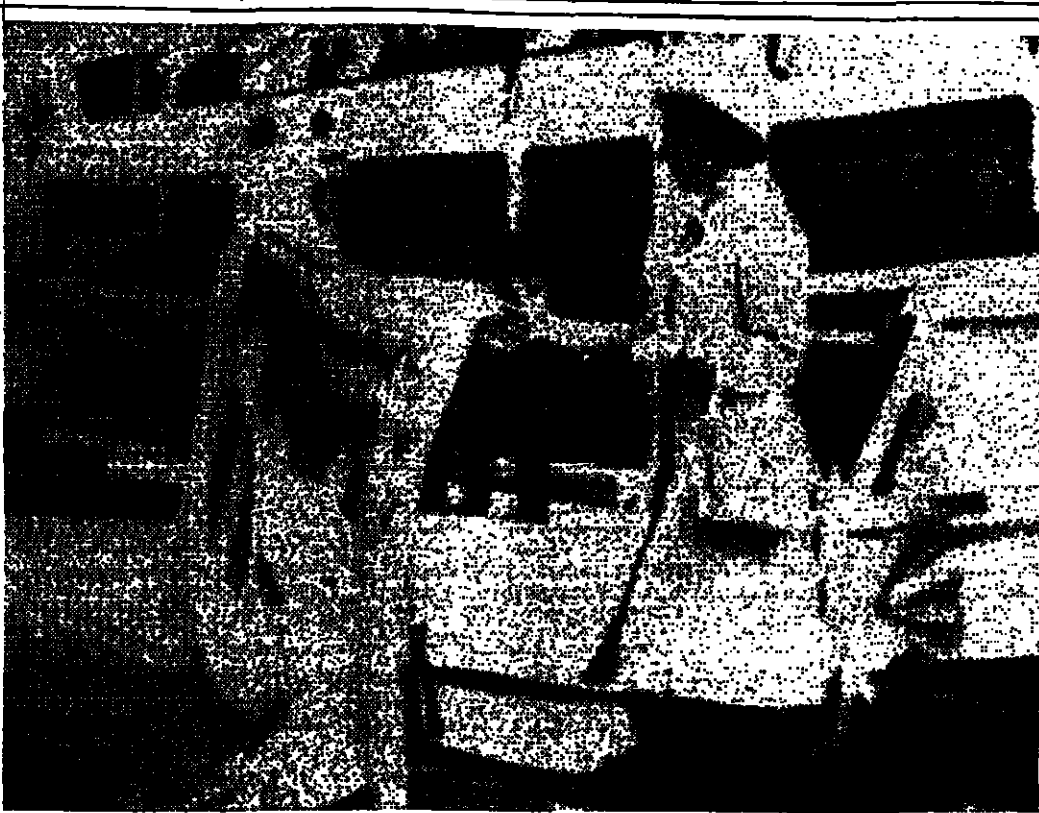
Diplomatic sources have said two Soviet police advisers and Soviet embassy security official Sergei Bakhturin conferred with the Afghans during the incident.

Dubs was buried Tuesday in Arlington National Cemetery.

Earlier, Mrs. Dubs had made public a letter she sent to the Afghan president saying that beyond her personal grief, "there is the larger sense in which his death is a tragedy — that he should have died in circumstances so alien to the ideas he sought to project in his work."

After Dubs was killed last week, American officials complained bitterly that Soviet advisers at the scene did nothing to delay the police attack or urge further negotiations despite pleas from American Embassy officials. A strong protest also was filed with the Afghanistan government.

The Soviet news agency, Tass, reported Saturday that the Soviet Embassy in Washington had rejected the U.S. view, saying the Soviet advisers "had nothing to do with the decision of the Afghan authorities."



HEADS: The ruler of Bahrain, Sheikh Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa, greets the Queen as she steps off the Royal yacht Britannia to start her visit to his country Thursday. She arrived in Saudi Arabia from Bahrain Saturday. (See story page one) (AP photo).

Regarded as permanent

Israelis to water settlements

TEL AVIV, Feb. 19 (Agence) — Israel has decided to pump water from the Sea of Galilee to Jewish settlements on the West Bank — an indication it regards the settlements as permanent.

The decision, announced after a cabinet meeting Sunday, is seen as a signal to negotiators at the forthcoming "Camp David Two" talks that the Jewish state will not abandon the settlements, in the occupied territory.

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Taking advantage of confusion

Chad guerrillas launch new attack

PARIS, Feb. 19 (R) — Libyan-backed forces of the Chad National Liberation Front (FROLINAT) have captured the town of Arada in the center of the country in a new anti-government offensive, well-informed sources in Paris said Monday.

FROLINAT forces took advantage of last week's bitter fighting between government factions in the capital, N'Djamena, to launch a major offensive in eastern central Chad, near the Sudanese border, the sources said.

Arada controls the strategic route southwards to the administrative centers of Biltine and Abeche. The town was recaptured from the FROLINAT forces last year by forces loyal to Prime Minister Hissene Habre.

Habre launched a coup attempt against President Felix Malloum in N'Djamena last Monday and was reported to control most of the capital when a French-backed ceasefire took effect on Thursday.

Habre, a former leader of FROLINAT, rallied to the government of Gen. Malloum and was appointed premier last August.

The FROLINAT forces are largely composed of northern tribesmen and are reported to control most of northern Chad.

Ethiopians said denying presence of Eritrea issue

KHARTOUM, Feb. 19 (Agence) — Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri returned to Khartoum Sunday night from Sierra Leone where he held unsuccessful talks with Ethiopian leader Mengistu Haile Mariam on the differences between the two countries.

Sudanese state minister in the foreign ministry, Dr. Francis Deng, told the Sudan News Agency the Ethiopian side had denied the existence of an Eritrean question. But this was the root of the conflict between the two countries, he said.

Relations between Sudan and Ethiopia have worsened over Addis-Abeba charges that Sudan is aiding Eritrean rebels fighting for independence from Ethiopia.

Deng said Sudan had insisted on solving the Eritrean question.

"But the Ethiopian side has deliberately denied the more existence of an Eritrean question, demanding the recognition of Ethiopian-Sudanese conflicts which they failed to confine," Deng was quoted as saying.

A Sierra Leone government statement Sunday said the two leaders had failed even to agree on a joint communique on three days of talks sponsored by an Organization of African Unity (OAU) mediation committee.

NATO admiral calls for Turkey aid

MUNICH, Feb. 19 (R) — The commander of NATO forces in Southern Europe, U.S. Adm. Harold Shear, has called for "a collective NATO get-well programme for Turkey."

"Turkey is the most serious and most critical problems in NATO," he told an international conference of western politicians and army commanders Sunday.

Shear said both Turkey and Portugal needed more help from the Western alliance, but that the case of Turkey, beset by ferocious economic problems and political violence in which about 1,000 people died last year, was the more urgent of the two.

"First things first," he told the delegates. "The help for Turkey must have priority."

The country's position on the south-east flank of NATO made it a vitally important member of the alliance, he said.

Clashes reported in South Lebanon

METULLAH, Israel, Feb. 19 (R) — Rightist militia and leftist-Palestinian forces exchanged artillery and mortar fire during the night in South Lebanon, Israeli border settlers here reported. There were no reports of casualties.

PLO's Kaddoumi arrives in France

PARIS, Feb. 19 (R) — The head of the political department of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), Farouk Kaddoumi, has arrived here for a four-day stay in France. Kaddoumi's arrival Sunday came as somewhat of a surprise since it had not been announced officially before and he was believed to be scheduled to meet Foreign Minister Jean Francois-Poncet.

Khalif to talk with Callaghan

LONDON, Feb. 19 (R) — Egyptian Prime Minister Dr. Mustapha Khalif arrived here Monday from Cairo for talks with British Prime Minister James Callaghan on the latest Middle East developments. Khalif is leading the Egyptian delegation to the Camp David talks on a Middle East peace agreement beginning Wednesday.

Lebanese minister to visit Kuwait

KUWAIT, Feb. 19 (R) — Lebanese Foreign Minister Fouad Boutros is expected to visit Kuwait shortly for talks on the situation in Lebanon. Officials here said Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah Monday received a message on the visit from Boutros, conveyed by the Lebanese ambassador here.

10 Lebanese arrested in Kinshasa

KINSHASA, Feb. 19 (R) — About 10 Lebanese citizens have been arrested in Kinshasa on charges of fraud and corruption, the Zaire Foreign Ministry said Monday. The ministry said the Lebanese, who were not named, had been involved in currency speculation and importing goods without a license.

Israel names ex-general as aide

TEL AVIV, Feb. 19 (AP) — The Israeli cabinet has appointed former army Gen. David Haguel as director-general of the ministry of energy and infrastructure. Haguel was dismissed as military governor of the occupied West Bank of the Jordan River last May in a cover-up scandal after Israeli troops fired tear gas into a school in the West Bank town of Beit Jala.

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Ocean map ship attacked by 300 from Maldives

NAIROBI, Feb. 19 (AP) — Radio amateurs reported Monday that about 300 Maldivian Islanders, armed with axes and handguns, boarded an American-manufactured oceanographic survey ship in the Indian Ocean over the weekend, kidnapped a crew member and looted the vessel before releasing it.

The amateurs said the Panamanian-registered vessel, the Alyse Maru, reported itself under way Monday morning from the Maldives toward the U.S. naval facility on Diego Garcia island, about 1,200 kilometers to the south, with a U.S. Navy plane as an escort.

Transmissions from the ship said seven Americans were still on board but three of the crew—Capt. Kenneth Leonard, Chief Engineer Craig Williams and Medical Officer Thomas Wiemken—were left behind in the Maldives.

The reports said Wiemken was forcibly taken by the islanders after they seized the vessel and exchanged gunfire with the crew. Leonard and Williams were said to have left the ship in search of Wiemken.

The amateurs who picked up the ship's distress calls said Leonard carried a walkie-talkie and made his last communication with the ship about midday Sunday. They quoted the crew as saying the transmission was apparently made under duress, after the captain and Williams became separated.

The Alyse Maru described itself as a sister ship to French oceanographer Jacques Cousteau's Calypso owned by the Alyshima Co. of Panama.

Bruce Johnson, assistant secretary of the International Amateur Radio Union, with headquarters in Newington, Conn., reported details of emergency transmissions from the vessel. Johnson, on an extended trip through eastern Africa, said the calls were picked up by amateurs in Kenya, Australia, South Africa and Rhodesia.

He said the pirate drama began Saturday when the vessel developed engine trouble near the Maldivian capital of Male. According to the reports, the crew was removing a piston from the engine when a Maldivian vessel approached and offered help in the name of the Maldivian government.

Once the Alyse Maru was towed to calmer water, reports from the ship said, 300 islanders swarmed on board and locked the 10-member crew in the pilot house. Johnson said the 13-year-old son of the radio officer was injured by a blow to the head.

The pirates hauled down the ship's flag and raised the Maldivian flag, Johnson said, and then looted the vessel of about \$60,000 worth of equipment, food and water. Eventually, the crew was able to break out of the pilot house, re-assemble the engine and sail from waters near Male at a reduced speed of about eight knots.

Johnson said the U.S. Navy, notified through the State Department in Washington, sent a search plane from Diego Garcia Monday morning. The plane found the ship dropped food and medicine, and continued to circle overhead.

Seven die in W. Germany

Poland crippled by new snowstorm

WARSAW, Feb. 19 (AP) — Wind-driven snows from the Baltic slammed into Poland Sunday, blocking roads in the region that was still tugging out of last week's northern European blizzards.

East and West Germany and Poland retained a ban on private cars in the areas hardest hit by the killer storm last week as crews struggled to restore deliveries of essential supplies.

About 40,000 kilometers in Poland were blocked by snow this weekend, Polish radio and television reported. Several trains and about 5,000 cars and trucks were reported stuck along the main routes from Frankfurt on the Oder in East Germany through Poznan to Warsaw.

The main train from Warsaw to Berlin was delayed 20 hours Sunday, Polish TV said. Thousands of Polish army troops using helicopters, treaded tractors and military trucks were able to clear part of the Warsaw-Poznan highway by Sunday afternoon, but the new storm set them back.

In northern West Germany, where at least seven deaths have been attributed to the storm, 20,000 civilian workers and 3,000 soldiers continued road-clearing operations.



NAPLES: Doctors at the Santobono paediatric hospital recently visit infants who have the virus infection that has killed over 60 babies in the area recently, mostly from poor parts of the city.

'Son of Sam' wants all appeals canceled

NEW YORK, Feb. 19 (AP) — Convicted "Son of Sam" killer David Berkowitz says he is of sound mind and wants "nothing" except to be left alone and to spend the rest of his life in prison.

Berkowitz, 25, whose six killings terrorized New York City in 1977, has ordered his lawyers to abandon all possible appeals of his murder plea.

On a notarized sheet of Allica Correctional Facility stationery dated Jan. 5, Berkowitz asked attorney Leon Stern "to remove my appeal for a new trial on the grounds

of insanity." He insisted that he had "made up the story about (being possessed by) the demons." Berkowitz said he expected to die soon "because I have enemies."

Berkowitz also informed Stern that he will not cooperate "in any way" with a biographical book and movie project about him that was approved by a Brooklyn Supreme Court justice last month.

On Jan. 29, the day Justice Carmine Ventresca approved a multi-million dollar book and movie deal on the life of the killer, Berkowitz wrote a letter to the justice saying: "I have no interest in such nonsense."

Berkowitz warned that "maybe after some disturbed person sees the movie, he too will go out and kill some people and then someone will make a movie about him, then another and another."

Says West deceived by detente

Solzhenitsyn sees world war sparked by Kremlin 'madmen'

LONDON, Feb. 19 (AP) — Exiled Russian author Alexander Solzhenitsyn predicts World War III, sparked by the "madmen" in the Kremlin and with "billion-strong" China emerging as the victor.

Solzhenitsyn, 60, who won the 1970 Nobel Prize for Literature and was forcibly exiled from the Soviet Union in 1974, made the forecast in an interview broadcast by BBC's Russian service Sunday evening.

"We are clearly moving toward a world war, yet Western statesmen deceive themselves that we are moving toward detente," he said. "They surrender several countries a year to Communism, and yet they do not tremble...how long will the supply of countries last?"

Sunday's broadcast coincides with the fifth anniversary of the authors' expulsion from his homeland. It is the second part of a 40-minute interview by BBC East European specialist Janis Sapiez recorded Feb. 3 at Solzhenitsyn's home in Vermont in the United States. The first part was broadcast Tuesday.

Solzhenitsyn sees the world's undoing as a combination of Soviet "aggression" and Western malaise, a recurrent theme in his interviews, speeches and writing since he came to the West.

"The Communists cannot renounce aggression," he said. "It is in progress now: the devilish growth of armaments, guns which begin to fire themselves. These madmen will clearly succeed in plunging both our country and the whole world into war."

Like conquerors in the past, Solzhenitsyn said, Soviet leaders "imagine they are so strong that they can seize the whole known world...."

"In actual fact they will destroy the whole world, ruin our people and still suffer defeat," he said. "But how? Because, ranged on the opposite side

will be a billion-strong China. Hence, the victor will again be Communism, but in a different form."

Solzhenitsyn, in an apparent reference to the United States' rapprochement with China, accused the Americans of "turning China into a world conqueror" and said this will "redound on their own heads."

He attacked what he called the "American intellectuals' great sympathy for Socialism and Communism."

"To be a Marxist in an American university today is an honor," he said "and there are many university departments that are Marxist through and through."

Solzhenitsyn said the West is "not doomed, but by and

Tight control seen after Swiss atomic energy referendum

BERNE, Feb. 19, (Agencies) — Switzerland's nuclear energy industry Monday appeared headed for more stringent government supervision after a citizens' referendum narrowly rejected an effective halt to its expansion plans.

A national referendum with a turnout of nearly half the country's 3.8 million electors showed citizens almost equally divided on the question of stricter controls on existing and planned nuclear power stations and other atomic installations.

A proposal that would have laid down safety and environmental conditions for granting 25-year operating concessions and subjected four existing plants to retroactive parliamentary approval failed by only 45,348 votes.

Voting was 919,923 in favor and 965,271 against in the poll. Because it would have amended the constitution, the proposal also needed to win support from a majority of Switzerland's 23 semi-autonomous cantons (states), but they voted 14 to nine against.

The vote, sure to have an impact on a growingly heated nuclear energy debate in other parts of Western Europe, came three months after a referendum in neighboring Austria narrowly rejected that country's first nuclear power plant, at Zwentendorf.

The referendum followed months of heated campaign-

ing in which the government had warned approval of the initiative would have "grave consequences" for the Swiss economy with energy shortages and increased unemployment.

The proposal, pushed by a variety of ecological committees, would have made all future construction licenses for atomic power plants subject to a series of regional votes with communities in the immediate neighborhood of the project and each of the surrounding cantons having a veto right.

But all also agreed that the size of the vote in favor of the proposed constitutional amendment showed that there were genuine fears of radiation and other security hazards from nuclear plants.

According to the government, approval of the proposal would have amounted to an indefinite suspension of all nuclear energy projects and possibly made idle the three plants already in operation. These cover one-fifth of the total electricity needs, making Switzerland, per head of population, the world's leading producer of atomic power.

Power Minister Willy Ritschard said afterward that people who voted for the proposal now had the right to demand that the government take account of their anxieties in all activities of its nuclear energy program.

To save Mardi Gras

New Orleans police strikers to talk

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 19 (AP) — Striking police and city officials agreed to stop insulting each other and to resume negotiations Monday in an effort to save what is left of Carnival and Mardi Gras.

"From now on, all statements to the news media will come from me," Federal Mediator Ansel Garrett said in announcing the city and the police union had agreed to meet and to refrain from criticizing each other publicly.

The city remained relatively

quiet as 600 National Guardsmen and 200 state police watched over streets bearing few signs of the usual Carnival festivity.

Mayor Ernest Morial canceled the elaborate Carnival parade scheduled for the weekend and said more cancellations would be imposed if the strike continued.

Carnival is the parade and party season preceding Mardi Gras, derived from the French for Fat Tuesday, which this year comes on Feb. 27. It brings in an estimated \$50 million a year.

A return to private talks agreed upon Sunday after Vincent Bruno, president of the Police Association of Louisiana, dared Morial to fire police strikers. He warned that would trigger sympathy strikes by firemen and garbage collectors.

"The next move is up to the mayor," cried Bruno, standing on a parked police car to address about 600 people at a rally behind police headquarters. "He makes that mistake, we go to war."

The union claims 1,200 of the 1,514 commissioned policemen as members. It and the garbage collectors' union are not affiliated with the Teamsters Union.

"The teamsters have taken Mardi Gras hostage," City Councilman Brod Bagert charged.

Britain annexed the phosphate-rich islands in 1900. London newspaper reports said the British mine manager on the island, Ronald Elliott, was injured in the attacks last Thursday, the day after 200 Banabans marched to the offices of the British Phosphate Commission demanding mining be stopped.



PRINCESS: Japan's Princess Nori plays the role of Ragworm in her Tokyo primary school drama. The princess, 9, is the daughter of Crown Prince Akihito and Princess Michiko, and granddaughter of the Emperor Hirohito. (AP photo).

South Pacific island wants freedom twice

LONDON, Feb. 19 (AP) — Two people were detained Sunday on a South Seas island after a firebomb attack on a British mining installation, apparently in a campaign for independence from the Gilbert Islands, shortly to become independent themselves.

Some of the Banaban people from the tiny, British-ruled Ocean Island in the southwest Pacific reported Sunday night that two of their leaders were put in jail.

The islanders warned the sabotage will continue so long as Britain denies them independence.

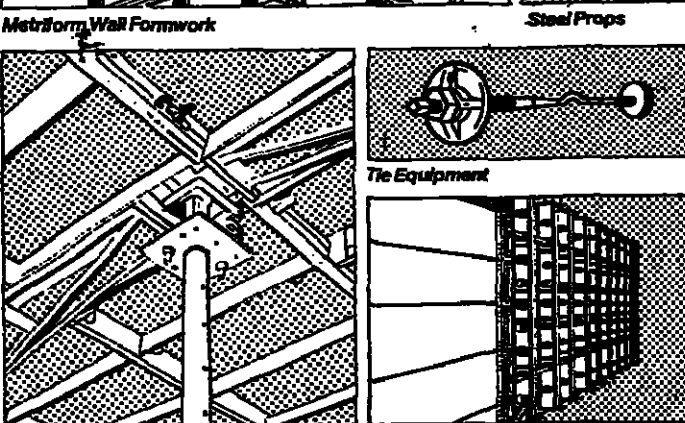
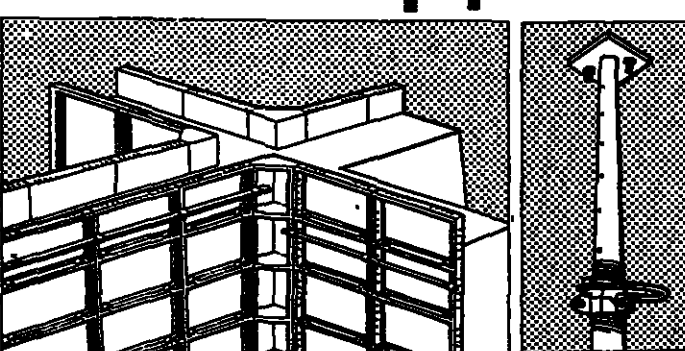
"With independence for the Gilbert Islands due in July without our homeland being separated from the colony to which it was arbitrarily joined by Britain, the government has forced us into an unbearable situation," said Tobias Tawaka, chairman of the Banabans' Council of Leaders.

Tawaka is in London to lobby British members of parliament in the long campaign by his people for independence.

Tawaka said his people are law-abiding by nature, but after 10 years of patiently asking Britain for the return of their island and self-rule they saw no alternative to taking action.

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Multi-million dollar abductions

Rome kidnap syndicate goes on trial

ROME, Feb. 19 (AP) — Police call it "Kidnapping Inc.," a gang that used age-old methods of extortion with modern refinements to terrorize Rome's wealthy over a period of years.

Thirty-eight members of the gang were due to go on trial Monday charged with a series of million-dollar abductions with prosecutors promising to establish links to international drug trafficking and right-wing terrorism in Italy.

The defendants include a Frenchman arrested in New York charged with trafficking in cocaine, the owners of elegant Rome boutiques and a lawyer said to be the gang's "treasurer" accused of investing and administering the ransom money.

According to the 500-page indictment, the gang became active in the early 1970s, helping to make kidnapping Italy's leading growth industry, netting estimated profits of \$36 million.

"Kidnapping Inc. is an association for crime built along lines but more fluid, dynamic and capable of exceptional mobility and operations," said investigating Magistrate Ferdinando Imposimato.

There have been 326 abduc-

tions for ransom since 1960, 43 last year according to the Interior Ministry and 12 already this year.

Rome's Kidnapping Inc. is charged specifically with five abductions: Amadeo Ortolani, president of the Voxson Electronics Co. who has wide real-estate interests in Latin America; Alfredo Danesi, son of Rome's "coffee king"; pian-

ist Angela Zinco; Marina d'Alema, daughter of a wealthy builder, and industrialist Renato Filippini.

Each of the victims' families came up with ransoms equivalent to about \$1 million each, the ransom money paid into bank accounts or through the transfer of real estate, according to investigators.

Unearthed apparent complicity by banks and professional real estate dealers, police say the crimes represented case studies of Italy's booming kidnapping industry.

Among the key defendants are Jacques Rene Berenguer, 42, described as the strongman of the French-Italian underworld who was picked up in New York a few years ago on drug charges.

Another defendant is Gian Antonio Minghelli, a lawyer who is the son of an Italian general, charged with acting as the gang's treasurer.

The trial is expected to shed further light on the assassination in Rome two years ago of Vittorio Occorsio, a magistrate who was investigating alleged links between right-wing terrorism and kidnapping gangs at the time of his death.

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Arab Americans in U.S. government

By a Staff Reporter
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Responding to a growing involvement of Arab Americans in U.S. public affairs, the National Association of Arab Americans (NAAA) has launched a survey of Arab Americans holding "responsible positions" in federal, state and local government throughout the United States.

The survey, coordinated by the NAAA's Washington headquarters, will involve individuals in all parts of the country. It is believed to be the first systematic effort of its kind to determine the role of Arab Americans in U.S. governmental affairs.

The study is partly aimed at



Congresswoman Mary Rose Oakar

"encouraging others to take part in the governmental process," said NAAA Executive Director Jean Abinader.

"An additional stimulus for the survey was our finding

that not a single Arab-American is employed in a professional staff position at the White House," Abinader added.

He said the NAAA would have to "rely heavily on word

of mouth" in conducting its survey. The organization is urging its members and other interested persons to send in the names of Arab-Americans in state and local government.

The NAAA plans to update its survey periodically.

An organization spokesman said the study "will play a useful role in bringing achievement of the Arab-American community to the attention of the population at large."

At the present time there are five Arab-Americans in the U.S. Congress, all members of the House of Representatives: James Abdnor of South Dakota, Abraham Kazen of Texas, Toby Moffet of Connecticut, Mary Rose Oakar of Ohio and Nick Joe Rahall of West Virginia.



Congressman James Abdnor

The de-Americanization of West Germany and Japan

Germany:

By Michael Geller
JNN — Though the signs Americans are still everywhere in West Germany these — jeans shops, crime ser-

television, disco music troops — the face of the post-war U.S. establishment here is changing and fading in both sharp and ways.

The most dramatic change at a remarkable number of American civilians — business-

and their families, relatives, and other private citizens — are going home, again in large part because U.S. dollar has lost one-

h of its value in comparison to the West German mark in past two years.

ough estimates by the U.S. assy here indicate the number of Americans living in Germany and not associ-

with either military or current service dropped almost 78,000 in 1977 to 60,000 in 1978 — a

ase of more than 20 per cent. more subtle change is that thing the Germans call

identfreude — a kind of joy over the misfortune someone you know — seems

creeping into the attitudes of at least some Germans to America these days.

an extraordinary degree, attitude, wherever one finds also linked with the de-

cline in the value of the dollar, with loss of respect for economic management —

by default, they have reason to be proud. It's sort of a self-

confirmation in commercial circles that what they are doing is right.

"It is more among the man in the street," he adds, "that you really find the 'schaden-

froide,' real lack of honest compassion towards the United States."

Mixed into this, the banker says, is another element that cannot be left out in trying to

assess where America really stands in Germany today.

"Regardless of the economic aspect, American influence on the German mentality has di-

minished, because there is no figure in the United States anymore whom Germans really

look to. President Carter is viewed here as weak, even compared to Johnson or Nixon,

and as not able to keep pace in terms of political leadership with Chancellor Helmut Schmidt."

In Bonn, an experienced American diplomat says the United States "has become somewhat

irrelevant here, but in an ambivalent way. We are just as relevant as ever in the security

sense" — a reference to the continued presence here on the 200,000-man U.S. Seventh Army — "but for 25 years we were

also pre-eminent here in an economic sense. Vietnam, Watergate and the economic

weakening of the United States changed that and has produced today's ambivalence.

"The European Monetary System" — the just-formed, eight-nation currency group

fathered mostly by Schmidt — "is the symbol of that. It reflects the perception that American economic leadership and

the American currency, the symbol of national prestige, are both lacking," he said.

"It also doesn't help to have an American ambassador running around Germany exuding

so much optimism that the American economic problem is all under control now," a business executive in West Berlin

says. "You can't sell that to educated Germans anymore."

Diplomatically things are changing, too. A leading figure within West Germany's Free Democratic Party, part of the

ruling coalition here, remarked privately that many party figures and their colleagues

around the country seemed to have much less contact with American officials in Germany these days.

The problem, the party figure said, was compounded by less expertise on German affairs

within the Carter administration in Washington than in previous administrations a widespread

complaint throughout West German diplomatic circles.

Aside from the U.S. Army, the other visible reminder of the American involvement in

West Germany for the past 34 years was, and still is, American business and culture.

If anything, the visible signs are on the rise. Yet that is also deceptive, because in a subtle way things are changing in that

area, too. "What is happening," a Frankfurt banker says, "is that Germans are becoming even

more aware of American products and less aware of American leadership."

Most importantly, though, Americans are going home. (WFP)

More of the sporadic debate in Japan over rearmament in the past year has been

prompted by an underlying assumption that the United States is not as trustworthy

as before. The defeat in Vietnam and the withdrawal of ground forces from

South Korea are cited as evidence that, despite its claims to the contrary, the United

States does not want to be an Asian power any longer, and that Japan must fill the

gap herself. Yet it is too strong to say that the de-Americanization

flows from distrust or hostility, although elements of both crop up occasionally. It's more

accurate to say that Japan itself is simply becoming

internationally-minded, more eager to sample and trade with

other countries, and the American influence correspond-

ingly diminishes. "We have become much more selective about what we

appreciate," observes Tadashi Yamamoto, director of the Japan Center for International

Exchange, which arranges cultural and political dialogues abroad.

You can see it in our exchanges. Once they were almost exclusively exchanges with Americans. Now they

are with Koreans, Europeans and others. We feel that we are a much more independent

nation today, and that the issues are global, not just between the United States and

Japan. And we are bigger economically. People regard

us as a big power, a grow-up kid."

The United States is still Japan's most important trading

partner and most likely will continue to be for years, despite the seemingly interminable

arguments over Japan's large trade surpluses.

But while the disputes focus on Japan's exports to the United

States, something strange has been happening to trade

moving the other way. Japan is buying less, proportionately, from the United States today

than she used to, in comparison with imports from other countries.

In a widely discussed article in the publication "Foreign Affairs" last fall, two econ-

omists from the Boston Consulting Group, James C. Abegglen and Thomas M. Hout,

showed how the American share of the Japan market has declined since the late 1960s.

The U.S. share of the capital-goods market declined from 61 to 51 per cent, and the share of consumer non-

durables declined from 32 to 13 per cent. In 1968-70 American coal producers sold nearly 60

per cent of the coal imported into Japan. By 1976-77 their sales came to only 32 per cent.

"Over a wide range of products, the United States has for some years been losing its share as an exporter of prod-

ucts to Japan," Abegglen and Hout wrote.

Europe and Southeast Asia and even Latin America are now

looming as major competitors with the Americans. And now China will move for-

cefully into the picture. Already, the American share of the

total two-way trade with Japan is falling. In 1970 American businessmen had 30 per

cent of that total trade; by 1976 it had fallen to only 21 per cent.

"There's no question, there has been a change in Japan's attitudes toward the United

States," Abegglen said in a recent interview. "The United States had been the only

point of reference once. Now they tend to measure themselves

by what Germany does. Japan takes many of its cues now

from Germany. They think Germany's performance on inflation, for example, has been

pretty good, and they don't think that of the United States.

"Japan's perception now is that in many cases what the United States has done has

been damaging to its interests. There were the Nixon shocks and the battles over trade and

the (American) refusal to sell them oil from Alaska. Rightly or wrongly, they feel these

were slaps in the face. There is more distance between the two countries now than there

was in the '60s." — (WFP)



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HEARTENING

It was heartening to hear Dr. David Owen, the British foreign secretary, declare in Riyadh on Monday night that a solution to the Middle East problem would be impossible without a solution to the Palestinian problem, including restitution of their rights and a homeland of their own.

This was a forthright statement by the representative of a state which has been so closely related to the problem from its beginning with the creation of the Israeli entity assisted by the imperial fiat of the Balfour Declaration.

Until recently, Britain and West Europe had been content to pay lip service to the Arab side of the dispute though many were aware of the justice of the Arab case and the agony of the Palestinians. It took the October war in 1973, and, more pressingly the simultaneous Arab oil embargo to drive home to all and sundry the need to reappraise the situation in a spirit of greater fairness. In fact, there had been a time when Britain, under Harold Wilson, leaned toward Zionism that the British contribution to a peaceful and just solution was negligible.

The countries of the European Economic Community rectified this shortcoming by their declaration of June 1977 that a fair solution lay in Israeli withdrawal and the restoration of Palestinian rights. Not that such a declaration will help much but it does contribute to the isolation of Israel and its principal backer, the United States, which still refuses to talk to the Palestinian leaders as if they were the aggressors in the Holy Land. Britain and the EEC merely recognized what their neighbors in Eastern Europe had seen twenty years before.

Yet, Dr. Owen's statements are still welcome. But we sincerely hope that he will still adhere to them in parliament and in the British press when he completes his tour of the Gulf Arab states.

AFRICAN TURMOIL

The war between Uganda and Tanzania highlights the tragic state of affairs in Africa. There is simply too much infighting and, consequently, a waste of valuable resources which the African countries could have used to better the lot of their own indigenous people.

Besides Uganda and Tanzania, there is fighting in Ethiopia with the Eritreans; tension explodes every other year between Zaïre and Angola; Zambia is enmeshed in the Rhodesian liberation war; Chad is in the throes of perpetual civil war with others reportedly involved on the side of the rebels. The Arab states of the Maghreb: Morocco, Algeria and Mauritania are in a state of undeclared war.

While it may be true that the origins of these conflicts are traced to the colonial era and the arbitrary division of territories and haphazard creation of states, it is unfortunate that the independent African states have failed to rise to the occasion and exercise the necessary prudence to coexist in peace.

European colonialism in most of Africa ended ten to fifteen years ago, but most African states continue to fight each other, and often engage in ruinous wars that only make their peoples much more wretched and their goals of self-development much remoter.

Like the Arab League, the Organization of African Unity takes the blame for this state of disarray although its apologists claim that it is only as good as its member states wish it to be.

It is unfortunate, since the OAU could have been a useful instrument for peace and stability, given the power to arbitrate. But it was allowed to degenerate into a United Nations-style debating society while wars and foreign-instigated rebellions raged all over the continent.

Africa continues to bleed, divert what little hard currency it has towards arms purchases at the expense of development projects and food for the starving masses.

saudi press review

The many distinguished visitors to the Kingdom who come to discuss various issues of common interest testify to the growing importance of the country and the role it is playing in the world today, according to "Okaz" editorial. This has been made possible, the paper said, by the prudence and deep sense of understanding which have characterized the behavior of the government of Saudi Arabia.

Queen Elizabeth's visit does not only prove this but also reaffirms the good and profound relations between the two countries. These relations are not new, the paper said, but are truly historic and deep rooted, and, it is hoped, that the recent rapprochement will serve the interests of both countries which, because of their special position world-

wide, can do a great deal in the service of international peace and prosperity. Britain, in particular, can contribute more for Arab and international issues if it can be persuaded to do so, which we hope is being done now.

Referring to the Queen's visit to the Planning Ministry, "Al-Madina" said that she presented the second five-year plan when she heard a lecture about it by the Planning Minister Hisham Nazer.

The paper said the five-year plan is not so much concerned with schools and housing as much as it is a comprehensive plan for reconstruction of all walks of life. This is why the government has signed several cooperation agreements with other governments to ensure the building of a sound industrial and technological basis for development.



"Sticks and stones might break our bones..."

Hanoi's refugee racket

By Brian Eads
HONG KONG —

There is no longer any doubt that the mass exodus of refugees from Vietnam is now a highly organized and profitable racket sanctioned and encouraged by senior members of the Hanoi government.

Investigations in Hong Kong and other Asian countries playing reluctant host to the refugees reveal the mechanics of a traffic in which the Vietnamese authorities, Chinese entrepreneurs and would-be refugees are cooperating to serve their overlapping interests.

These are to flush out southern Vietnam's large middle class ethnic Chinese community, amass substantial amounts of gold and foreign currency in the process and guarantee that the journey out of Vietnam is swift, without risk, and in relative comfort.

The system was evolved last summer after Hanoi moved to absorb what remained of the south's Chinese-dominated private sector. The Chinese had already shown themselves unenthusiastic and indigestible candidates for socialism, and the split with China turned them into potential fifth columnists.

The Hanoi government set up a special department to coordinate the traffic under the control of Politburo member Nguyen Van Linh and accountable directly to Prime Minister Pham Van Dong.

Official involvement was to be kept to the essential minimum and the slogan offered was, "You're Chinese, so save the Chinese."

Through tightly-knit webs of family and business contacts in Asia and the United States, they have done just that. Of-

ficial sources here say that all five tramp freighters which have carried refugees into Asian ports since last September were chartered for this specific purpose.

Syndicates have been set up to coordinate preparations on the outside. In the case of the first three vessels — the Southern Cross, the Hai Hong and the Huey Fong — the central figures were ethnic Chinese who left Vietnam legally shortly after the Communist victory in 1975.

They communicated with contacts inside Vietnam through cable and telex — both monitored by the authorities — and in some cases used a code suggested by Vietnamese officials.

Wealthy businessmen in Vietnam, unable to export their wealth, have eagerly bankrolled would-be refugees in return for credits paid into overseas bank accounts by relatives and friends who have already left Vietnam.

Chinese middlemen working for the government made it known that exit was possible without the dangers of capture, drowning or pirates that face those who leave by small boats.

The basic charge for an adult wishing to leave is 12 taels of gold (one tael weighs 13.3 ounces) valued at about 13,500. Juveniles travel half price. Ethnic Vietnamese must pay a 50 per cent surcharge.

The money is paid to the middleman, who in turn pays it to government officials. Refugees are allowed to take only hand luggage, and the remainder of their assets are forfeited to the government. In return they are guaranteed unimpeded passage to the coast of the

Mekong Delta, from where they are ferried by small boat to the waiting freighter. (Those who flee under their own steam are jailed if caught, and in some cases have been fired on by naval gunboats.)

Before the organizer's agent joins the freighter, a government official pays him the balance of gold remaining when the government tax has been levied. Of the adult fare the government takes 10 taels, the agent two.

The system explains the contents of four oil-soaked sacks discovered Feb. 7 aboard the Huey Fong which carried 3,400 refugees into Hong Kong on Christmas Eve — gold leaf valued at \$1 million.

It also explains why police know exactly the amount they were searching for, and continued to look despite two previously fruitless attempts to unearth it.

Earlier they had found some 600 taels on disembarking refugees. A quick calculation told them 3,500 taels were outstanding and this is what they found inside a disused fuel tank beneath the plates of the Huey Fong's engine room.

The usual system is for the organizer's agent and his gold to be taken off the ship on the high seas — the Southern Cross, Hai Hong, Tung An and the latest arrival here, the Sky Luck, carried no gold. With the Huey Fong something clearly went wrong.

But the pantomime staged by the captain, crew and 3,000 refugees aboard the Sky Luck illustrates the increasing difficulties of convincing anyone that the refugees were plucked from sinking boats on the high seas. — (OFNS)

The task ahead for Iran

By Robert H. Reid
TEHRAN —

Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, successful in ousting the Shah, faces a delicate task of organizing a working government while satisfying the political and social demands of groups which feel they contributed to the revolution.

Khomeini's success in pacifying these groups—including students, women, leftists and western-oriented intellectuals—will be decisive in determining Iran's future now that the guns have fallen silent.

Although scattered fighting is continuing between Khomeini's forces and a few holdouts of the old regime, the streets of Tehran and other major cities are returning to life, with sounds of horns replacing gunfire.

The regime, nominally headed by Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan but with real power vested in Khomeini, is using the lull to encourage a business revival, reorganize the armed forces, take control of the bureaucracy and eliminate "traitors of the old regime."

Khomeini's government is conducting a wholesale purge of the armed forces, firing over 40 generals and colonels and arresting dozens of senior commanders.

Firing squads have shot four generals, including former secret police boss Gen. Nematollah Nassiri. As many as 20 more face execution. At least 400 former SAVAK agents and other supporters of the former regime have been rounded up, along with 7,000 Afghani nationals scheduled for depor-

tation. The new government has managed some progress toward normalcy. Many businesses, shops and banks re-opened Saturday for the first time in months and school's are to resume classes this week. Fewer armed men patrol the streets, and random shooting by gangs playing with new weapons has all but ceased.

Domestic air service is re-opening after some two months and oil workers are back in the Khuzestan fields, although no date has been set for the resumption of exports.

Although most banks opened Saturday, many branches warned customers they did not have enough cash on hand to redeem large checks because of a shortage in the Central Bank. Businessmen hope this will change with the gradual revival of business activity.

Bazargan has appointed new military chiefs as a first step toward reorganizing the armed forces.

But with the Shah gone, divisions in the movement which made Khomeini its symbol are becoming apparent, although it is unclear how deep they have become.

Radical students at Tehran University, many of whose comrades died in street battles alongside Islamic fighters, were angry with the appointment of Foreign Minister Karim Sanjari and five other leaders of the National Front to the cabinet. The front espouses Western ideals of social democracy incompatible with the leftists' goal of a hardline Marxist state.

The leftists, including pro-

Moscow Tudeh Communist party of Iran, and the People's Fedayeen guerrillas have so far been left out of the government, although Bazargan says they will be free to organize politically.

Khomeini has avoided increasing friction by softening a rapid "Islamization" of Iranian life, still heavily influenced materially by the West.

The government has taken no step so far toward introducing strict Koranic law in place of the legal system.

So far, the most visible step toward "Islamization" has been in radio and television, headed by a top Khomeini lieutenant, Sadeq Ghotbzadeh.

Television fare is also dominated by themes glorifying the Islamic revolution.

Radio and TV employees have complained that their boss, who returned to Iran with Khomeini after years abroad, is allowing only one point of view on the air.

Ghotbzadeh dismissed such complaints as unrepresentative of the masses and labelled the complainers a few Westernized individuals who call them selves intellectuals.

The English language "Tehran Journal," in an editorial Sunday, said "someone should tell him that the proletariat is yawning as widely as everyone else with his revolutionary broadcasts."

"Ayatollah Khomeini promised us that the fruits of our revolution would be democracy and an end to censorship of the past, Mr. Ghotbzadeh. How about doing your bit?" — (AP)

Struggle in the South

Iraq, Syria, Kuwait and the Palestine Liberation Organization have urged the Sanaa government to mend its differences with the Marxist regime in Aden.

This all has contributed to a sense of isolation among North Yemeni officials, who argue that their country, as the back door of Saudi Arabia, will be the next target in any Soviet plans to dominate the southern flank of the Middle East. "If Yemen goes under, the entire Arabian peninsula will also go, predicted a North Yemeni official.

There was some reassurance recently when Secretary of Defense Harold Brown said that the United States would send a dozen F-5 jet fighters to North Yemen. The sale comprises part of a \$300 million arms package for Sanaa, which also wants tanks and armored cars to replace ageing Soviet equipment.

North Yemen's Prime Minister Abdul Aziz Abdul Ghani admitted that "from our side aid is not being implemented fast enough." They are only now receiving Vulcan anti-aircraft guns promised by America in 1975.

Sanaa's strategy, as outlined in an interview by the American educated prime minister, is to hold the threat from the South at bay while building

up the country's economy and soliciting foreign investment. Ghani said that potential oil deposits had been found along the Red Sea coast and that high-grade copper ore had yet to be explored in the interior.

Though it is strategically located at the southern reaches of the Red Sea North Yemen tends to get overlooked in any assessment of the Middle East because of the country's poverty and relative remoteness. Yet its 6 million make up the majority of the Arabian peninsula work force.

North Yemeni officials contend that South Yemen would be even less stable but for the firm grip of the Soviet, East German and Cuban advisors. Ghani reported that 400,000 South Yemeni refugees have fled to the North, leaving the Aden regime with fewer than a million people. The defections have included some South Yemeni army units, another official said.

Officials reported that the Soviet Union had offered to send North Yemen modern jet fighters in six months and train Yemeni flight crews if it improved relations with Moscow. Rather than become obligated, the North Yemenis last year purchased 50 tanks from Poland for hard cash. (NYTNS)

End of the glut

Consequently, the second-ranking U.S. energy official said, world oil supplies will tighten between 1981 and 1985.

"We're going to need (to have) a lot of energy, or we're going to suffer," O'Leary told reporters. Asked about preparedness to deal with the energy departments' off-predicted oil crisis, he said, "We're not in very good shape."

Last Wednesday, in testimony before a congressional subcommittee, another energy department official, Harry E. Bergold Jr., said the United States has received informal statements of intention that

Iran will resume shipments of oil to the United States.

Bergold's testimony came on the heels of a statement by Assistant Secretary of State Harold Saunders that as soon as Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini and his followers are able to organize a new government, they would likely have as much interest in exporting oil as the Shah did.

Energy and State Department officials, however, are still cautious in forecasting the return of Iranian production, and O'Leary and Energy Secretary James Schlesinger have said Iranian production probably will not exceed 4 million barrels a day again. Before the political turmoil, Iran produced as much as 6.5 million barrels of oil daily.

O'Leary called the Iranian shutdown a forest of what he believes will be increasingly conservative production policies among the oil exporters, and said Iran's revolution means the disappearance of the chronic surpluses that have dominated the oil market.

Together, Central Intelligence Agency and major oil company analysts have been saying that Mexico and Saudi Arabia could produce 10 million and 20 million barrels a day respectively by 1990 if they choose to.

Today, as the world's leading exporter, Saudi Arabia is producing nearly 10 million barrels a day, and newly oil-rich Mexico, fewer than 2 million.

The CIA oil forecast President Carter made public in April 1977, as he unveiled his energy plan, did not forecast the so-called oil glut, and also did not disclose then-classified intelligence that Mexico had as much as 140 billion barrels of petroleum products that could be produced. — (WP)



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Tanner, Evert settle old tennis scores in California tourneys

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. Feb. 19 (AP) — Left-hander Roscoe Tanner successfully defended his title in the tennis games at Mission Hills Country Club Sunday, beating Brian Gottfried 6-4, 6-2 without the punctuation of his usual big serve, which has been clocked at 140 mph.

And in Los Angeles, Chris Evert, continuing her comeback after a shaky 1978 start, reclaimed her spot as the world's best woman tennis player Sunday night with a 6-3, 6-4 victory over Martina Navratilova in the title match of the \$150,000 Los Angeles championship tournament.

In the Rancho Mirage finals, the 27-year-old Tanner scored only two service aces, while Gottfried had four in the match for the \$35,000 first prize.

"I missed a lot of first serves," Tanner said. "But Brian didn't return my second serves very well today except in a couple of games, and that was the key."

On Saturday, Tanner scored eight service aces against Eliot Teltscher, bringing his total for the previous two matches to 19.

"Considering the field, I consider this my best tournament win of all," added Tanner. The original field had such stars as Jimmy Connors, Bjorn Borg and John McEnroe, all of whom were eliminated before the semifinals.

Tanner beat Connors in the quarter-finals.

In the finals against the 27-year-old Gottfried, Tanner

broke service in the third game of the first set and went on to win 6-4.

A fluke on the first point of the second set appeared to upset Gottfried, who was fifth seeded for this tournament, compared to the No. 8 spot accorded Tanner.

After a Gottfried serve, Tanner slammed a ball that hit the top of the net, bounced high and landed inbounds so far behind Gottfried that he couldn't return it successfully.

Tanner went on to break Gottfried's service in that game and again in the third to build a 3-0 lead.

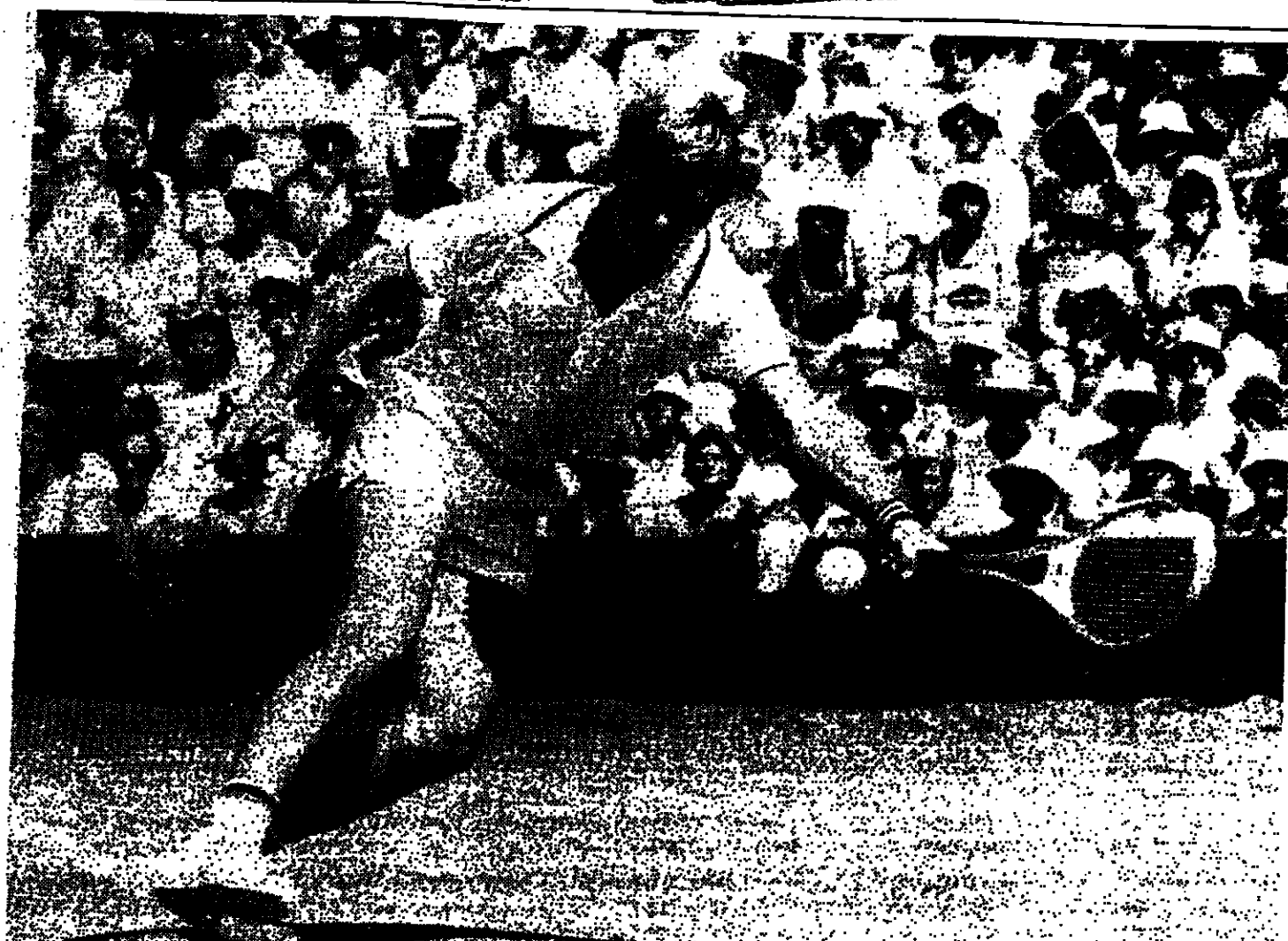
He broke Gottfried again to go ahead 4-1 and scored a service ace as the finale in the sixth game to expand his lead to 5-1. The two split the next two games, rounding out the match.

Gottfried collected \$17,500 for his second-place finish.

Tanner's victory also boosted his Grand Prix points to 425, moving him into second position behind Connors who was 510. Gottfried is third 317.

Gottfried, a high school classmate of Tanner's, had beaten him four straight times before they met for the first prize in these games. Since 1975, the score between the two had been 4-2 in head-to-head meetings.

In the doubles final, brothers Sandy and Gene Mayer of Wayne, N.J., defeated Cliff Drysdale of South Africa and Bruce Manson, former USC star from Ft. Worth, Texas, 6-4, 7-6. The doubles winners



Success: Roscoe Tanner, he of the 140 MPH serve, won what he called his best tournament at Rancho Mirage, leaving several of the world's best in his wake.

divided \$13,000 and the runners-up split \$6,500.

Evert's victory, following her triumph last week in the Seattle tournament, puts her at the top of The Women's Tennis Association rankings of players around the world, knocking Navratilova down to second.

The victory was worth \$30,000 to Evert, while Navratilova collected \$15,000.

Evert lost in two other major women's tournaments this year, including an embarrassing first-round defeat by Greer Stevens in Evert's home of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida her other loss when Navratilova beat her 7-5, 7-5 in Oakland.

The classic encounter Sunday night between Navratilova's serve-and-volley game against Evert's methodical

backcourt game turned on Navratilova's inability to consistently volley winners.

The victory continues Evert's long domination of Navratilova, who has now won but seven of their 31 meetings.

In the singles consolation match play earlier, 16-year-old Tracy Austin, the third seed, delighted a hometown audience with a 6-4 victory over No. 4 Greer Stevens of South

Africa.

Stevens, launching a comeback this year following serious knee surgery last May, went down fighting. Austin required four match-point opportunities to dispatch her opponent.

Austin played her usual steady backcourt game and Stevens' fate hinged on the accuracy of her powerful forehand.

Pistons undaunted by loss of pivot man

NEW YORK, Feb. 19 (AP) — Who needs Bob Lanier?

Detroit's 6-foot-11 center, has missed the last four games but the Pistons have won three in a row. Including Sunday's 124-104 rout of the National Basketball Association's Central Division-leading San Antonio Spurs.

The fifth-place Pistons aren't picking on weak sisters, either. Their other two victories came against Denver and Houston, a couple of second-place teams.

"He (Lanier) is our big guy and the guy we need all the time," Vlade spotted when it was suggested that the Pistons might be better off without high-scoring pivot man. "I'd rather have him in the ballgame any time since we know that he'll get you about 25 points a game and the glass."

Elsewhere, the Washington Bullets defeated the Seattle SuperSonics 105-94, the Philadelphia 76ers took the Milwaukee Bucks 110-107, the New York Knicks edged the New Orleans Jazz 115-112, the San Diego Clippers trounced the Atlanta Hawks 116-101, the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Indiana Pacers 122-111 and the Portland Trail Blazers turned back the Boston Celtics 111-104.

Elvin Hayes scored 33 points as the Bullets beat Seattle for the first time in their meetings. Washington pulled off 12 points midway through the third period to take a 72-59 lead.

N. Zealand buys time in Test

NAPIER, New Zealand, Feb. 19 (R) — Geoff Howarth

hit a century and joined with John Wright in a record-breaking second wicket stand to haul New Zealand back into the second cricket test against Pakistan here Monday.

Howarth, 114, and Wright, 88, put on 195 together and at the close of the third day's play New Zealand were 298 for five in reply to Pakistan's first innings score of 360. The match now looks likely to end in a draw.

Howarth and Wright, resuming the innings at 25 for one, destroyed Pakistan's hopes of a break-through and stayed to smash the former New Zealand second wicket record of 155 by Graham Dowling and Bruce Sinclair.



GLEE: Pakistan batsmen race for runs during their second wicket partnership at the second Test in Auckland. N. Zealand has reentered the match and a draw seems likely. (AP photo)

Golfer Alcott takes first prize

MIAMI, Feb. 19 (AP) — Amy Alcott outlasted veteran Sandra Post in sudden death overtime Sunday to win the Ladies Professional Golf Association's \$100,000 tournament at Country Club Avenue.

Alcott sank a 25-foot putt for an eagle 3 on the third overtime hole, the 18th, to win the \$15,000 first prize. Ironically, Post had made the first

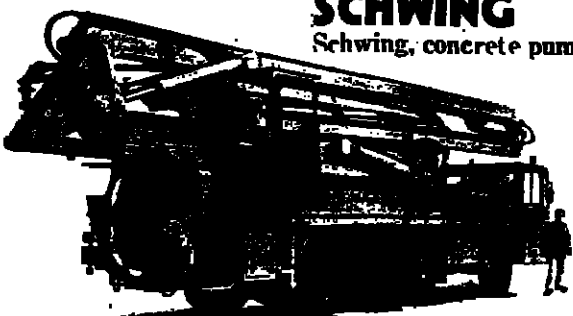
eagle of the tournament on the 18th to force the overtime.

Alcott and Post both shot 73 Sunday to finish with 3-under-par 285s in regulation play. They then went to the 16th hole, a par 4. Both parred it. On the 17th, a par 3, they also parred. That set up Alcott's winning putt on the 18th.

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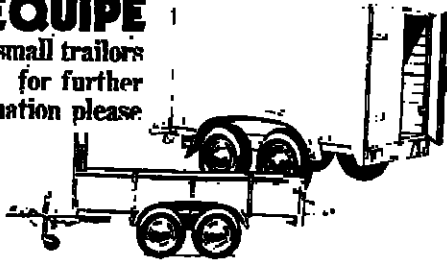
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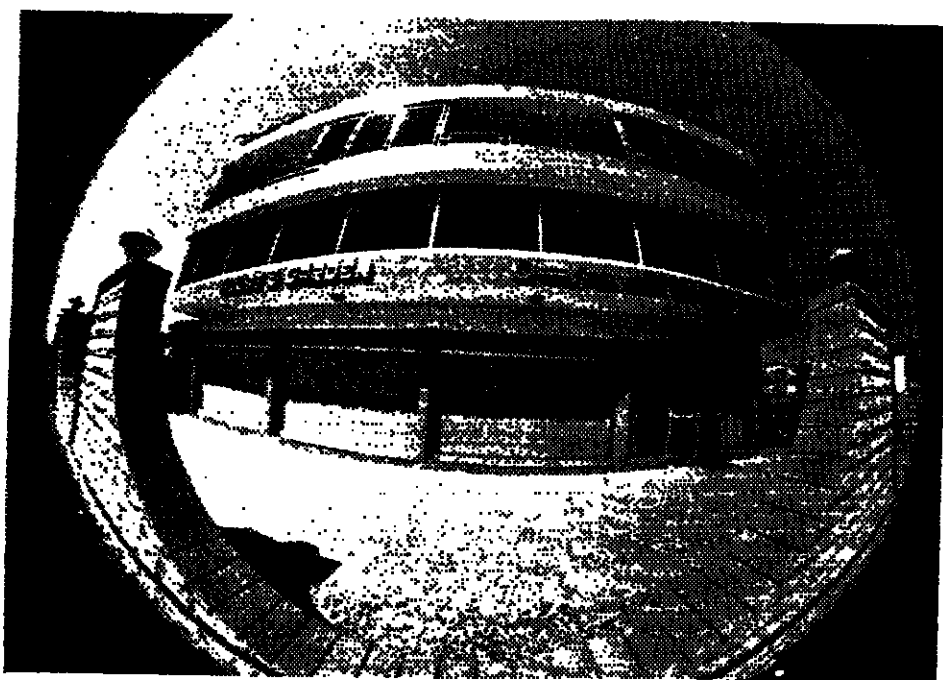


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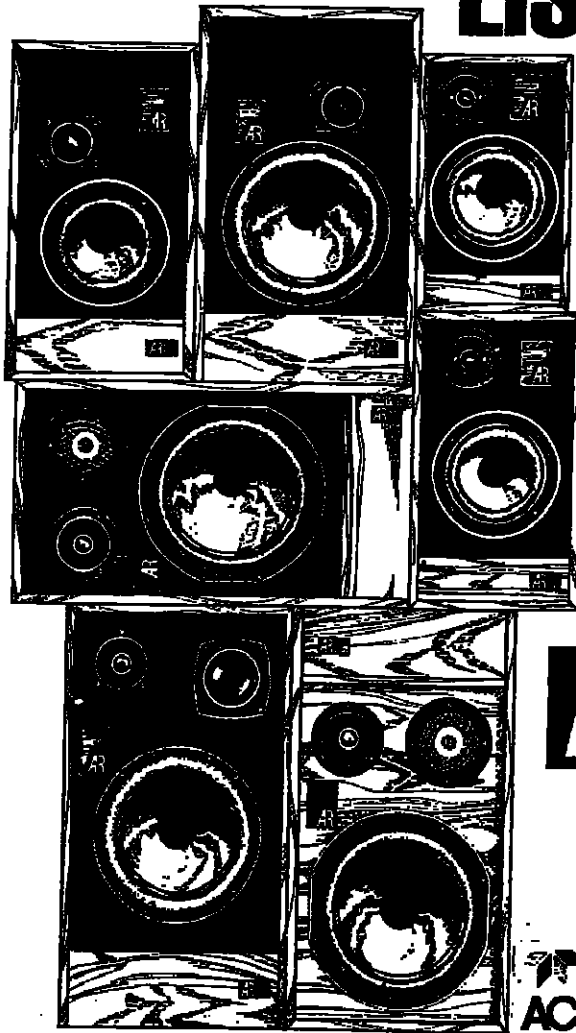
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South Korean dissidents up in arms for workers

SEOUL, Feb. 19 (AP) — South Korea's dissident movement is taking up the cause of low-paid workers who have been left behind by the country's growth and hit hard by inflation.

The activists, still mainly concerned with human rights and the autocratic policies of President Park Chung-hee, are giving more and more weight to workers' complaints. Labor rights can't be separated from human rights, they say.

"The most serious problem now is not political or military, but an economic problem," one source said, reflecting the views of others interviewed by the Associated Press. "We're still saying basic human rights are more important than the economy, but the past two or three years, the economic aspects have been connected with infringement of human rights."

"The real miracle of the Korean economy is how daily wage earners can survive. The government can't explain that," the source added.

The activists claim the government has reacted against

the labor dissidents in much the same way it has with open political dissent — "severe repression," jailings, surveillance and harassment of those who have become involved in labor problems.

While South Korea's economy has been growing rapidly — it registered a 12.5 per cent gross national product increase in 1978 — inflation has also been increasing.

Large pockets of unskilled workers in such industries as textiles and electronics remain with wages well below subsistence, according to the activists.

An economist for the activist urban industrial movement said that wages for unskilled workers run from \$60 to \$100 a month. Skilled workers, such as mechanics and technicians, earn \$200 to \$300 a month, he said. In between are semi-skilled workers — drivers and assembly-line machine tenders — who earn \$150 to \$165 a month. Lower to middle-level managers earn \$1,000 or more a month.

"Many of our people have become seriously concerned about the economic problem, especially inflation, imbalance

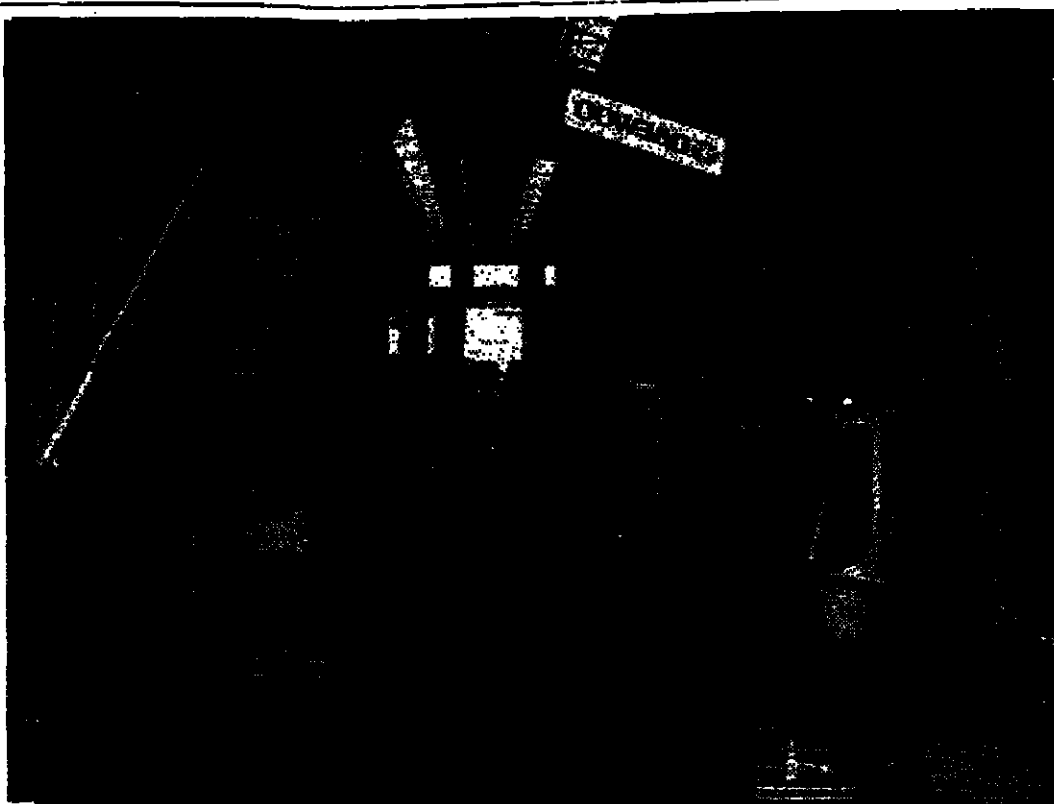
of (income) distribution, labor problems," dissident leader and former presidential candidate Kim Dae-jung said in a recent interview.

Clashes between labor and management, with the government supporting management, increased last year, the dissidents claim. More are expected this year. Workers trying to exercise their rights with slowdowns, strikes, or just in seeking higher wages and better conditions have been fired, some blacklisted and a few jailed. Such incidents are seldom reported here because of government pressure on newspapers and other media.

The urban industrial movement is the most activist group among the workers.

The industrial movement claims the Korean Federation of Trade Unions, the only legal labor union, is "100 per cent dominated by the government, and locally are dominated by the companies and local police."

Cho Chi-sung who heads an industrial movement group in Seoul, says he gives classes on labor union organization, labor law and economics to some 5,000 workers from



South Korean workers in a factory

nearby factories every month, as well as getting involved in specific labor-management disputes.

Those activities have brought a number of arrests for Cho and others on charges of violating the presidential decree prohibiting criticism of the government.

"Yes, the Korean economy is growing," Cho said, "but the fruits are taken by only a few people. Most workers live like animals."

The trade union federation says that in terms of monthly consumption of the average person, rice this year costs \$11.30 now in contrast to

\$9.25 a year ago. The rent for a single worker living in one room rose from \$16.50 to \$33.

Most of the labor activists and some observers say they expect more labor problems this year if inflation is not brought under control.

Kuwait fund to give loans to N. Yemen, Morocco, Senegal

KUWAIT, Feb. 19 (R) — The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development will provide North Yemen, Morocco and Senegal with loans totaling 12.6 million Kuwaiti dinars (about \$44.1 million), officials said here Monday.

Two loans will be given to North Yemen, the first for 2.5 million dinars (about \$12.25 million) for development projects repayable over 25 years with a six-year grace period at 1.5 per cent interest.

North Yemen will also get another loan of half a million dinars (about \$1.75 million) for government administrative development to be repaid over 25 years with a grace period of three years at 1.5 per cent interest.

The fund will provide Morocco with a seven-million dinar loan (about \$24.5 million) to help carry out an agricultural project repayable over 25 years with a five-year grace period at an interest rate of 2.5 per cent.

Senegal will get 1.6 million dinars (about \$5.6 million) for economic development programs repayable over 25 years with a grace period of five years at an interest rate of 2.5 per cent, the officials said.

Hong Kong share prices affected by Vietnam war

HONG KONG, Feb. 19 (Agencies) — Share prices on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange plummeted and the gold market opened nervous Monday following the outbreak of the China-Vietnam war over the weekend.

Stock dealers said share prices dropped an average of five per cent during the first few minutes of trading and sellers dominated the market.

Gold opened at 1,428.00 Hong Kong dollars (dealer buying-dealer selling) per tael compared with Saturday's close of 1,420.50-1,421.00. The tael is 1.215 ounces.

The U.S. dollar was quoted at 4.79 Hong Kong dollars Monday.

Gold dealers said a gap of 10 Hong Kong dollars per tael between buying and selling showed investors and speculators were nervous.

The usual gap is about 50 Hong Kong cents or one dollar.

Among the share prices, Hong Kong land was quoted at 7.5 Hong Kong dollars, down 65 cents and Hong Kong Bank at 18.30, down seven cents.

Meanwhile, the U.S. dollar lost ground marginally against other major world currencies Monday as European gold prices rose.

Gold and money dealers reported little immediate news to affect markets. But they said fears about oil supplies for the West and the clash between China and Vietnam were longer term worries affecting market sentiment.

In Tokyo, the dollar closed at 200.375 yen, down from 200.45 yen at Friday's close.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
* Ministry of Communications	Building of a 3-kilometer long road stretch, Dabha/Alia in Jizan	xx	2000	Mar. 26
" " " "	Building of a 3/4-kilometer long road stretch, Jarafa/Ushegar	xx	2000	Mar. 24
" " " "	Building of first portion of road Taif/Bani Saad (36/A) Baha/Bilad Zahran	xx		Date extended to March 10
" " " "	Building of second portion of road Taif/Bani Saad (36/B) Thaqif/Bilad Zahran	xx		" "
" " " "	Building of third portion of road Taif/Bani Saad (36/C) Beni Saad/Ghazayel/Thaqif	xx		" "
* Directorate of the National Guard	Supply and installation of airconditioning units in the games hall in Khassam Al-Aan	4-98/99	500	Mar. 5
" " " "	Building of two mosques in Riyadh and Dammam	5-98/99	1000	Mar. 3

S. Africa planning law to curb data on oil sources, reserves

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 19 (R) — South Africa is planning legislation to ensure that information about its oil supply sources and reserves are kept a secret.

Economics Minister Chris Heunis, in a television interview Sunday night said: "It is very important that the position of South Africa's reserves and the sources of supply of crude oil and the methods of transportation should not be discussed in public."

"Therefore I have decided to introduce legislation in parliament that will control the discussion in public and the publication of information relating to origin, sources of supply, level of reserves, transportation and all these matters relating to South Africa's situation in this regard," he added without giving any other details.

The South African government has always been sensitive about disclosing oil information, particularly about its reserves.

However, since the Iranian crisis there has been much newspaper speculation about alternative sources of oil and the ways it is reaching this country.

The government has admitted that South Africa's supplies were hit hard by the cuts in Iranian production, which were unofficially estimated to have provided up to 90 per cent of its needs.

Heunis told parliament last week that South Africa was now obtaining only small quantities of crude oil despite paying premiums of five and six dollars over market price.

Discussing the proposed clampdown, he said: "Should this information be divulged for public knowledge, the information will also land in the hands of the enemies of South Africa."

"That will be completely counter-productive because in that case our supplies will naturally be affected disadvantageously and detrimentally," he said.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Opening Monday	SAMA rate	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.36	3.37	3.37
Pound Sterling	6.74	6.70	6.78
Deutsche Mark	1.81 (100)	181.75	181.15
Swiss F	2.01 (100)	203.00	202.00
French F	0.79 (100)	79.00	79.00
Italian Lira (1000)	—	4.05	4.10
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	105.25	105.75
Syrian Lira (100)	—	80.50	86.75
Egyptian Pound	—	4.55	4.82
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.30	12.29
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.35	11.35
Emirate Dirham (100)	—	88.00	87.80
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	88.00	87.80
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.80	8.78
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	—	46.50
Iraqi Dinar	—	9.40	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	74.00	74.00
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	80.00	84.50
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	41.10
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.30
Gold kg	—	26,900	—
10 Tolas bar	—	3,150	—
Silver kg bar	—	700	—
Japanese yen (100)	1.68	—	—
Canadian dollar	2.81	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.15	—	—
Dutch guilder	1.68	—	—
Italian Lira (100)	0.40	—	—

SAMA rates announced by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, based on average rates on the London money market and the official price of the U.S. dollar.

Cash and transfer rates supplied by Al-Rajhi Company for currency exchange and commerce, Gabel St., Jeddah.

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SHIP MOVEMENTS UP TO THE MORNING OF 19TH FEBRUARY 1979

1-VESSELS DISCHARGING BERTH	VESSEL	AGENT	CARGO	ARR. DATE
1A	—	—	—	—
2	—	—	—	—
3	AL HELAZ	SAUDI L. O.C.E.	TO LOAD CARS & GEN.	18/2/1979
4	MALDIVE STAR	O.C.E.	TEA & GEGNERAL	18/2/1979
5	HERRO	—	EGG/CHICKENS	18/2/1979
6	—	—	—	—
7	—	—	—	—
8	(BARGES) SAM HOUSTON	A.E.T.	GENERAL	18/2/1979
9	LAMDA ISLAND	ALATAS	SURGHUM/GEN./STEEL	17/2/1979
10	GOLDEN MISTRAL	A.E.T.	VEHICLES	18/2/1979
11	BLUE MARU	BAABOUD	OIL CAKE	14/2/1979
12	UBENFELS	ALIREZA	CTRS./GEN./YACHT	18/2/1979
13	ALORA	ALGEBRAH	GENERAL	18/2/1979
14	SAN PEDRO	REZAYAT	CONTAINERS	18/2/1979
15	ACHILLEUS	ROLACO	BULK CEMENT	18/2/1979
16	—	—	—	—
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18	—	—	—	—
19	—	—	—	—
20	—	—	—	—
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22	—	—	—	—
23	TOULLA	A.A.	BAGGED CEMENT	3/2/1979
24	FILIPINAS SAUDI	S.A.M.A.	BAGGED CEMENT	11/2/1979
25	—	—	—	—
26	—	—	—	—
27	—	—	—	—
28	SAN STEFANO	STAR NAV.	FRUITS	14/2/1979
29	BRAUNFELS	ALIREZA	GEN./STEEL/TIMBER	17/2/1979
30	—	—	—	—
31	CASTLE GLORY	STAR NAV.	CEMENT	16/2/1979
32	—	—	—	—
33	GRAND UNION	M.E.S.A.	BANANAS	17/2/1979
34	FU CHIAO	O.C.E.	ORANGES	18/2/1979

2-Recent Arrivals			
UBENFELS	ALIREZA	CONTNRS./GEN./YACHT	18/2/1979
DEMISTRIOS (C)	O.C.E.	FROZEN CHICKENS	18/2/1979
FU CHIAO	O.C.E.	ORANGES	18/2/1979
MALDIVE STAR	O.C.E.	TEA & GENERAL	18/2/1979
ANDROMACHE I	SHOROKSHI	EGG/CHICKENS	18/2/1979
THEODOROS	ALWANI	POTATOES	18/2/1979
SAN PEDRO	REZAYAT	DURRA/OIL CAKE/	18/2/1979
FOSS HAYRE	FAYEZ	GROUND NUTS	18/2/1979
BURADAH	RED SEA	CONTAINERS	18/2/1979
GOLDEN MISTRAL	ROLACO	RO RO UNITS	18/2/1979
ACHILLEUS	—	VEHICLES	18/2/1979
—	—	BULK CEMENT	18/2/1979

3-Vessels Expected to Arrive With in Next 24 Hours			
WENCHESSTER	STAR NAV.	BANANAS	19/2/1979
CASTLE	—	—	—
ANTONIOUS II	BARBER	CONTNRS./GENERAL	19/2/1979
ZYGANT III WAZA	STAR NAV.	DURRA	19/2/1979
KARENFELS	ALIREZA	GENERAL	19/2/1979
OCEAN PRIMA	A.E.T.	TO LOAD MTY CTRS. &	19/2/1979
MERZARIO	A.E.T.	TRLS	19/2/1979
ESPANA	—	CONTAINERS	19/2/1979
GERARD L.D.	ALSABAR	RO RO UNITS	19/2/1979
—	—	BULK CEMENT	19/2/1979

4-Tonnages Discharged (Freight Tons): 75,421

5-WAITING TIME: NIL

Note: Importers having goods on the above mentioned ships should complete their formalities as soon as possible. For any inquiries please contact the Shipping Agents.

SHIP MOVEMENTS UP TO THE MORNING OF CHANGES PAST 24 HRS. DATE: 22.3.1999/19.2.1979 TIME: 0700 HRS.

1-Vessels Working Berth No.	Name of the Ship	Agent	Type of cargo	Arrival Date
2	HELLENIC EXPLORER	GULF	RO-RO/CONTES.	18/2/1979
3	CHARITY	ORRI	SUGAR IN BAGS	18/2/1979
4	LONDON BARON	GLOBE	GENERAL/STEEL	18/2/1979
5	SABAH TRADERS	ORRI	GENERAL/STEEL	17/2/1979
6	HOSHIO MARU	KANOO	GENERAL	18/2/1979
7	TAINING	S.E.A.	GENERAL	18/2/1979
8	FAST DOLPHIN-II	GULF	LOADING UREA	18/2/1979
9	NAVELI	GOSABIR	TIMBER	18/2/1979
10	MARIA-N	REZAYAT	GENERAL	18/2/1979
11	HOEGH OPAL	KANOO	GENERAL	18/2/1979
12	CAPE PRIDE	GOSABIR	C. CEMENT IN BAGS	18/2/1979
13	ELESTRIA IV	ORRI	LIME IN BAGS	18/2/1979
14	ASIA LARK	ALIREZA	PULK CEMENT	18/2/1979
15	D.B.	—	—	—
16	SEALAND	REZAYAT	CONTAINERS	18/2/1979
17	ADVENTURER	—	—	—
18	H.M.Y. BRITANIA	KANOO	ROYAL VISIT	18/2/1979
19	H.M.S. ACTIVE	KANOO	ROYAL VISIT	18/2/1979

Vessels Working at Anchorage			
GREAT MAURICE	KANOO	LIME/MARBLE	15/2/1979
PRIMAVERA	SMC	PULK CEMENT	15/2/1979

2-Recent Arrivals			
EVER PIONEER	GOSABIR	CONTAINERS	18/2/1979
HELLENIC EXPLORER	GULF	RO-RO/CONTES.	18/2/1979
KIK	KANOO	CONTAINERS	18/2/1979
HOEGH OPAL	KANOO	GENERAL	18/2/1979
FAST DOLPHIN-II	GULF	TO LOAD UREA	18/2/1979
CHARITY	ORRI	SUGAR IN BAGS	18/2/1979
BARGE QN-116	BARBER	STEEL BARS	18/2/1979
MARIA-N	REZAYAT	GENERAL	18/2/1979
SEA LAND	—	—	—
ADVENTURER	REZAYAT	CONTAINERS	18/2/1979
H.M.Y. BRITANIA	KANOO	ROYAL VISIT	18/2/1979
H.M.S. ACTIVE	KANOO	ROYAL VISIT	18/2/1979

3-Vessels Expected With in 24 Hours			
AL SABAHIAH	KANOO	—	—

4-Tonnages Discharged (Freight Tons): 56,763

5-WAITING TIME: NIL

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS ١٥ بورصات العالم

Stock	Feb. 16	Feb. 15	Feb. 14	Feb. 13	Feb. 12	Feb. 11	Feb. 10	Feb. 9	Feb. 8	Feb. 7	Feb. 6	Feb. 5	Feb. 4	Feb. 3	Feb. 2	Feb. 1	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 29	Jan. 28	Jan. 27	Jan. 26	Jan. 25	Jan. 24	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 21	Jan. 20	Jan. 19	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 14	Jan. 13	Jan. 12	Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 8	Jan. 7	Jan. 6	Jan. 5	Jan. 4	Jan. 3	Jan. 2	Jan. 1	Dec. 31	Dec. 30	Dec. 29	Dec. 28	Dec. 27	Dec. 26	Dec. 25	Dec. 24	Dec. 23	Dec. 22	Dec. 21	Dec. 20	Dec. 19	Dec. 18	Dec. 17	Dec. 16	Dec. 15	Dec. 14	Dec. 13	Dec. 12	Dec. 11	Dec. 10	Dec. 9	Dec. 8	Dec. 7	Dec. 6	Dec. 5	Dec. 4	Dec. 3	Dec. 2	Dec. 1	Nov. 30	Nov. 29	Nov. 28	Nov. 27	Nov. 26	Nov. 25	Nov. 24	Nov. 23	Nov. 22	Nov. 21	Nov. 20	Nov. 19	Nov. 18	Nov. 17	Nov. 16	Nov. 15	Nov. 14	Nov. 13	Nov. 12	Nov. 11	Nov. 10	Nov. 9	Nov. 8	Nov. 7	Nov. 6	Nov. 5	Nov. 4	Nov. 3	Nov. 2	Nov. 1	Oct. 31	Oct. 30	Oct. 29	Oct. 28	Oct. 27	Oct. 26	Oct. 25	Oct. 24	Oct. 23	Oct. 22	Oct. 21	Oct. 20	Oct. 19	Oct. 18	Oct. 17	Oct. 16	Oct. 15	Oct. 14	Oct. 13	Oct. 12	Oct. 11	Oct. 10	Oct. 9	Oct. 8	Oct. 7	Oct. 6	Oct. 5	Oct. 4	Oct. 3	Oct. 2	Oct. 1	Sep. 30	Sep. 29	Sep. 28	Sep. 27	Sep. 26	Sep. 25	Sep. 24	Sep. 23	Sep. 22	Sep. 21	Sep. 20	Sep. 19	Sep. 18	Sep. 17	Sep. 16	Sep. 15	Sep. 14	Sep. 13	Sep. 12	Sep. 11	Sep. 10	Sep. 9	Sep. 8	Sep. 7	Sep. 6	Sep. 5	Sep. 4	Sep. 3	Sep. 2	Sep. 1	Aug. 31	Aug. 30	Aug. 29	Aug. 28	Aug. 27	Aug. 26	Aug. 25	Aug. 24	Aug. 23	Aug. 22	Aug. 21	Aug. 20	Aug. 19	Aug. 18	Aug. 17	Aug. 16	Aug. 15	Aug. 14	Aug. 13	Aug. 12	Aug. 11	Aug. 10	Aug. 9	Aug. 8	Aug. 7	Aug. 6	Aug. 5	Aug. 4	Aug. 3	Aug. 2	Aug. 1	Jul. 31	Jul. 30	Jul. 29	Jul. 28	Jul. 27	Jul. 26	Jul. 25	Jul. 24	Jul. 23	Jul. 22	Jul. 21	Jul. 20	Jul. 19	Jul. 18	Jul. 17	Jul. 16	Jul. 15	Jul. 14	Jul. 13	Jul. 12	Jul. 11	Jul. 10	Jul. 9	Jul. 8	Jul. 7	Jul. 6	Jul. 5	Jul. 4	Jul. 3	Jul. 2	Jul. 1	Jun. 30	Jun. 29	Jun. 28	Jun. 27	Jun. 26	Jun. 25	Jun. 24	Jun. 23	Jun. 22	Jun. 21	Jun. 20	Jun. 19	Jun. 18	Jun. 17	Jun. 16	Jun. 15	Jun. 14	Jun. 13	Jun. 12	Jun. 11	Jun. 10	Jun. 9	Jun. 8	Jun. 7	Jun. 6	Jun. 5	Jun. 4	Jun. 3	Jun. 2	Jun. 1	May. 31	May. 30	May. 29	May. 28	May. 27	May. 26	May. 25	May. 24	May. 23	May. 22	May. 21	May. 20	May. 19	May. 18	May. 17	May. 16	May. 15	May. 14	May. 13	May. 12	May. 11	May. 10	May. 9	May. 8	May. 7	May. 6	May. 5	May. 4	May. 3	May. 2	May. 1	Apr. 30	Apr. 29	Apr. 28	Apr. 27	Apr. 26	Apr. 25	Apr. 24	Apr. 23	Apr. 22	Apr. 21	Apr. 20	Apr. 19	Apr. 18	Apr. 17	Apr. 16	Apr. 15	Apr. 14	Apr. 13	Apr. 12	Apr. 11	Apr. 10	Apr. 9	Apr. 8	Apr. 7	Apr. 6	Apr. 5	Apr. 4	Apr. 3	Apr. 2	Apr. 1	Mar. 31	Mar. 30	Mar. 29	Mar. 28	Mar. 27	Mar. 26	Mar. 25	Mar. 24	Mar. 23	Mar. 22	Mar. 21	Mar. 20	Mar. 19	Mar. 18	Mar. 17	Mar. 16	Mar. 15	Mar. 14	Mar. 13	Mar. 12	Mar. 11	Mar. 10	Mar. 9	Mar. 8	Mar. 7	Mar. 6	Mar. 5	Mar. 4	Mar. 3	Mar. 2	Mar. 1	Feb. 28	Feb. 27	Feb. 26	Feb. 25	Feb. 24	Feb. 23	Feb. 22	Feb. 21	Feb. 20	Feb. 19	Feb. 18	Feb. 17	Feb. 16	Feb. 15	Feb. 14	Feb. 13	Feb. 12	Feb. 11	Feb. 10	Feb. 9	Feb. 8	Feb. 7	Feb. 6	Feb. 5	Feb. 4	Feb. 3	Feb. 2	Feb. 1	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 29	Jan. 28	Jan. 27	Jan. 26	Jan. 25	Jan. 24	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 21	Jan. 20	Jan. 19	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 14	Jan. 13	Jan. 12	Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 9	Jan. 8	Jan. 7	Jan. 6	Jan. 5	Jan. 4	Jan. 3	Jan. 2	Jan. 1	Dec. 31	Dec. 30	Dec. 29	Dec. 28	Dec. 27
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Stock	February 16	February 15
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Alexanders Disc. El ...	234	234
Allied Irish Bank	198	198
AMT Trucking Co.	241	241

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British Petroleum 964	964
Turkish Oil Co. 92	92

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Anglo-Amér. Corp. 371 363

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LONDON		NEW YORK	
February 16	Range	February 16	Opening Prices
USA	2.8936-2.9040	DMG	2.8925-2.9035
Canada	2.7942-2.7915	BFR CON	29.38-32.33
France	8.4539-8.4590	CAN	83.76-83.79
Belgium	58.45-58.45	DFN	4.2748-4.2778
Italy	161.81-162.82	DFN	4.2748-4.2778
Spain	4.8110-4.8206	DPL	2.9033-2.9050
Sweden	3.4200-3.4200	SFR	1.6710-1.6720
W. Germany	3.7198-3.7280	SPN	1.4550-1.4560
Switzerland	5.7320-5.7438	VFR	13.35-13.36
Norway	18.3200-18.3200	DIS	5.9945-5.9960
Denmark	18.2980-18.3080	ALX, SCH	13.35-13.36
Netherlands	27.15-27.15	DIS	5.9945-5.9960
Portugal	94.45-94.45	NEU	4.3650-4.3678
Greece	131.38-132.40	PORT	47.35-47.50
Japan	491.40-491.20	SKR	4.3650-4.3678
		BFR FPN	25.45-25.78

	February 16	
Galder		2.0039
Belgian House		70.7000

February 16		Twelve months 14-21 prem.	
Goldster	2.9039		
Belgian Franc	29.2880		
Deutschemark	1.8542		
Hong Kong Dollar	4.7954		
French Franc	4.7575		
Italian Lira	139.250		
Japanese Yen	266.00		
Suifu Yen	1.6720		
		3.00 p.m. fix	\$247.05
		Morning fix	\$247.55
		Yesterday's fix	\$247.55

STOCK AVERAGE

**DOW JONES
CLOSING STOCK AVERAGES**

February 15
\$78.00 - Dow Jones Industrial Average

New York — (AP-DJ) — The stock market drifted lower by 10 points today.

New York — (AP-UI) — The stock market drifted lower in light trading.

Analysts said the light trading volume Thursday indicated that many potential investors have taken to the sidelines. Political uncertainty in the Persian Gulf area and questions about the outlook for the U.S. economy are making foreign investors somewhat less bullish, analysts say.

Prices rose slightly on the American Stock Exchange, where the average price per share gained three cents. The Exchange Index grew 8.42 points to 162.58.

Goldman outbid several buyers by 25 to 261.

Republic International Class A was the most traded share, up $\frac{1}{2}$ to 38 $\frac{1}{2}$ on volume of 175,800 shares.

Tubac de Acero de Mexico advanced $\frac{1}{4}$ to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$.

adversely affecting sentiment was the news report that Abu Dhabi and Qatar are raising their price for light crude oil by 7.2%.

Treasury Secretary, Michael Blumenthal, said domestic oil prices would rise and, if OPEC con-

on turnover of 88,300; Brown Cos. Warrants were up 4% to 6 on 74,600 shares traded, and Houston Oil fell 1/4 to 17 on volume of 70,300.

Raven Telecom added 1/2 to 5 1/4 with 66,300 shares changing hands.

moderately declining economic activity and
modest program on subduing inflation. It

moderately declining economic activity and only modest progress on reducing inflation. It added that it expects a recovery by the second half of next year.	February 16		
Industrial production showed only a slight gain in January and the December rise in business	30 Industrials ..	827.88	DN 1.21 or 0.15%
	20 Transport ..	211.63	DN 0.39 or 0.18%
	15 Utilities	104.26	UP 0.17 or 0.16%
	65 Stocks	281.25	DN 0.28 or 0.10%

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Today's	Previous
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	<i>PAYMENT ON CASHING PRICES</i>			October	131.50	130.80
				December	129.40	128.50
				February	131.00	128.50
COCOA	Today's Closing	Previous Closing				
	<i>£ per tonne</i>					
March	1764	1769	WOOL			
May	1884	1883.5		Australian Greasy Wool		
July	1828	1828		Pence per Kilo		
September	1864	1860	May	—	—	
			July	—	—	

ARABICA COFFEE

ARABICA COFFEE		July	August
5 per 50Kline		—	—
August	UNQ		UNQ
October	UNQ		UNQ
December	UNQ		UNQ
February	UNQ		UNQ
April	UNQ		UNQ
June	UNQ		UNQ

March	1392	1390
May	1393	1396

February 16 Official Close		ALUMINIUM		Today's Previous	
£ per tonne				Closing Closing	
March	1392	1398			
May	1397	1386			
July	1275	1274			
September	1247	1245			
November	1228	1216			
January	1197	1193	Cash	721.00	728.00
March	1175	1172	Three months	727.00	728.00
			Settlement	728.00	---

March	93.90	90.20
May	97.70	93.65

March	93.90	90.80	Cash	964.00	964.50
May	97.70	93.65	Three months	975.50	979.80
September	91.90	85.80	Settlement	964.50	—
November	95.40	89.50	Outlays	—	—
January	99.00	93.00	Cash	957.80	959.80
			Three months	972.80	973.00
			Settlement	959.80	—

July-September ..	63.25	63.00
Oct.-December...	65.00	65.75
	<u>22.25</u>	<u>22.25</u>

Sept-September ..	63.85	63.80	Three months	483.50	484.00
Oct-December ..	65.60	65.75	Settlement	510.00	—
January-March ..	67.80	67.70			
April-June	69.80	69.70			
July-September ..	71.75	71.75			
Oct-December	73.90	73.80			

SILVER		Per troy ounce	
Cash	367.40	367.50	
Three months	378.50	378.80	

July	111.70	111.65
August	116.45	116.40
September	118.50	118.45

May	111.76	111.65
August	116.45	111.48
October	119.28	119.10
December	121.95	121.75
March	126.58	126.25
May	129.58	128.55

		£ per tonne
Standard		
Cash	7190	7280
Three months	7135	7140
Serment	7280	—
High Grade		
Cash	7380	7340

WHITE SUGAR

October	118.50	118.00
November	122.50	121.75
December	120.75	120.00

Summer	118.50	118.00	ZINC		
November	122.50	121.75			
January	129.75	129.50		\$ per tonne	
April	135.75	135.00	Cash	399.00	399.50
July	140.00	136.00	Three months	411.50	412.00
			Six months	399.50	—

Dutch Guilder	Swiss Franc	W. German Mark
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Dutch Guilder	Swiss Franc	W. German Mark	French Franc	Italian Lira	Asian Dollar	Japanese Yen
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7 1/4-7 1/2	-1/16-1/16	3 1/2-3 1 1/4	6 1/4-7 1/4	10-11	10 5/16-10 7/16	3 1/16-5 5/16
6 1/2-6 1/2	per-16	3 1/2-3 1 1/4	7 1/4-7 1/2	12 1/2-13 1/4	10 7/16-10 7/16	3 1/4-3 1/2
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6 1/2-6 1/2	5/16-7/16	4 1/16-4 3/16	8 1/2-8 1/2	13 1/2-14 1/2	11 1/2-11 1/2	4 1/4-5 1/4

The following annual rates were quoted for London dollar certificates of deposit: One month 10.40-10.50 per cent; three months 10.45-10.75 per cent; six months 10.95-11.05 per cent; one year 10.50-11.00 per cent.

Long-term Eurodollar deposits were 10 7/16-10 9/16 per cent; three years 10 3/16-10 5/16 per cent; five years 10 3/16-10 5/16 per cent; ten years 10 3/16-10 5/16 per cent; 15 years 10 3/16-10 5/16 per cent; 20 years 10 3/16-10 5/16 per cent.

Short-term rates are call for sterling, U.S. dollars and Canadian dollar; two days' notice for rubbers and Swiss franc. Asian rates are 10 1/2-10 3/4 per cent.

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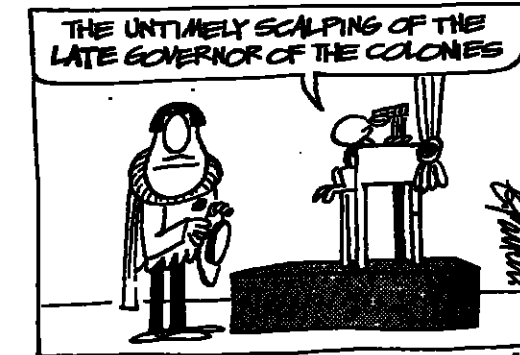
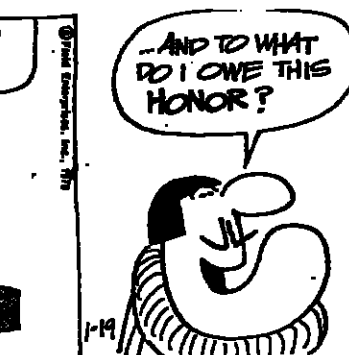
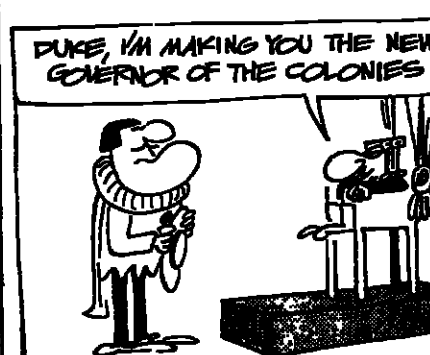
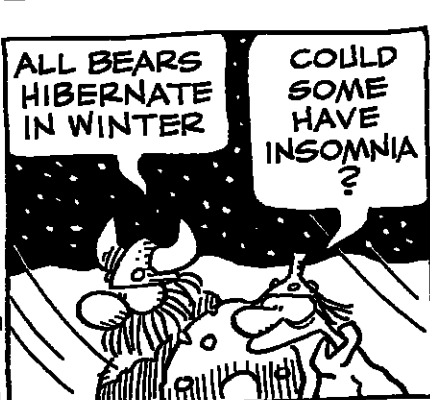
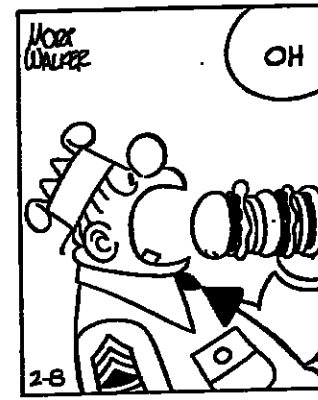
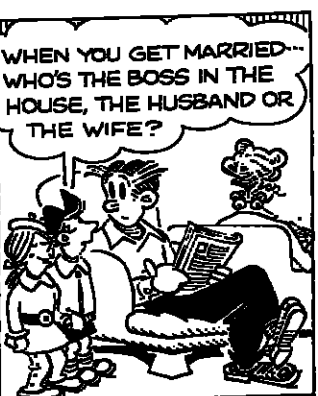
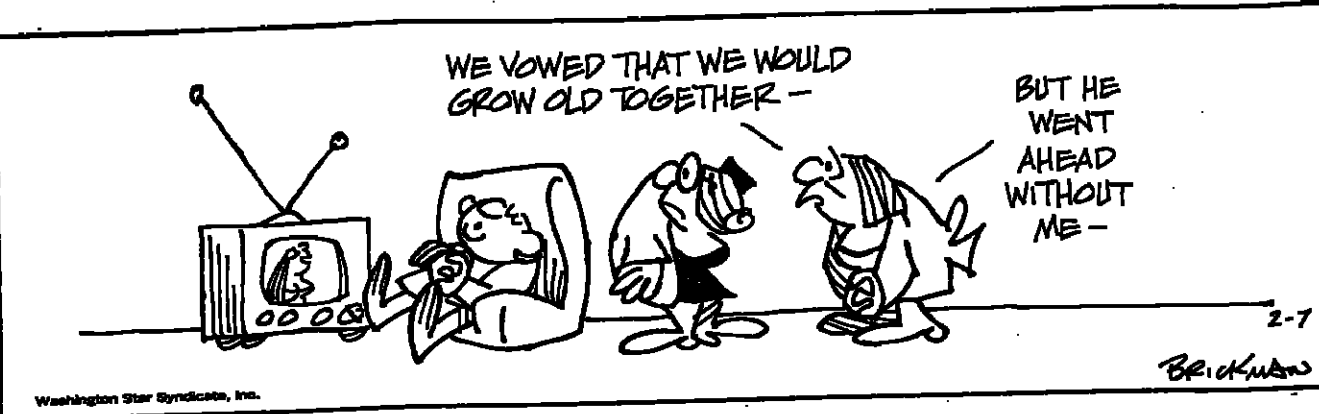
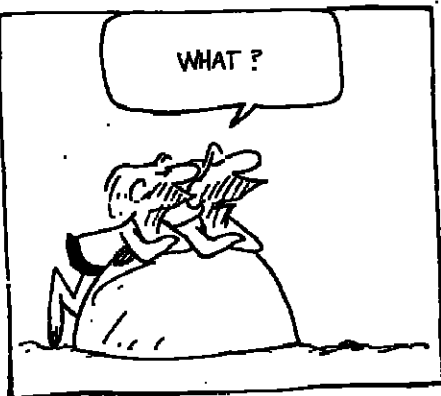
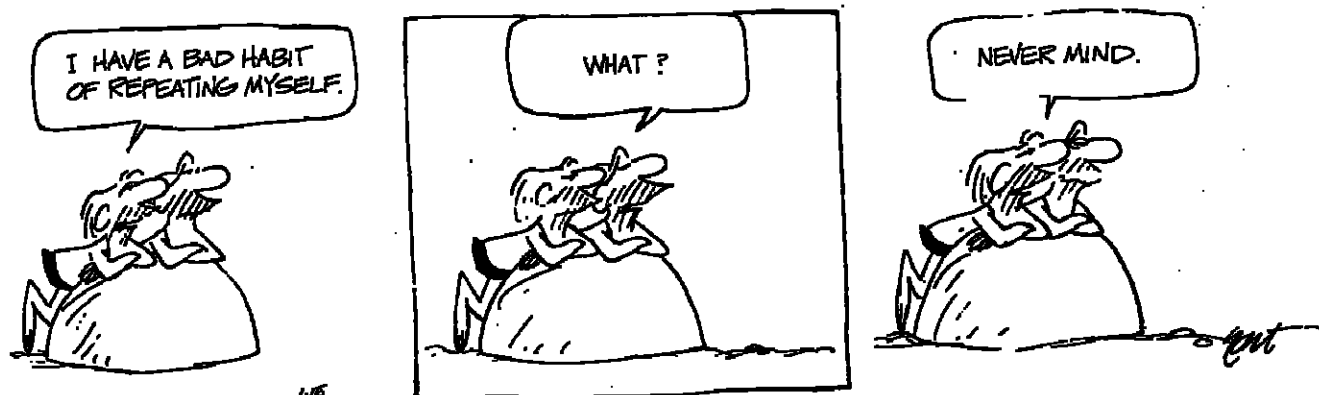
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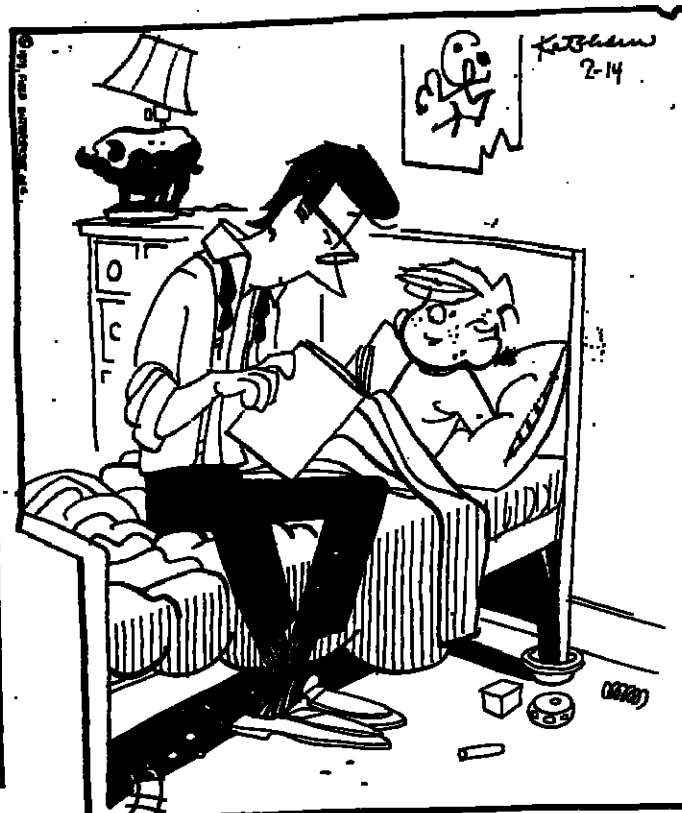
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11 Tibetan

12 Risk

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14 Ohio city

15 Perfect

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31 Love: Lat.

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4 Sea cows

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16 Arizona

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23 Richest

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26 Dramatist

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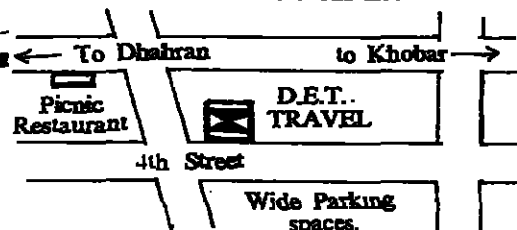
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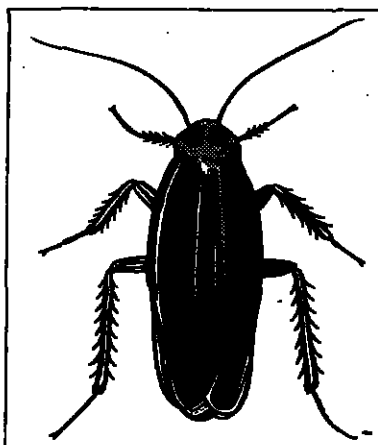
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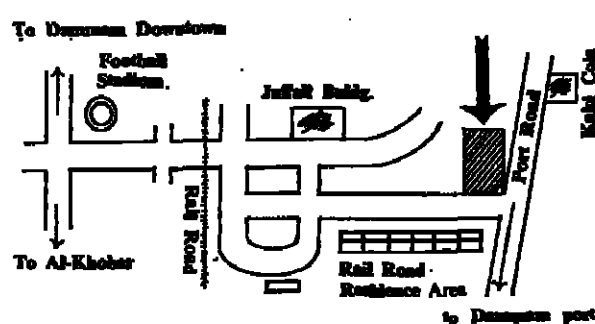
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Rhodesian warplanes hit guerrillas in Mozambique

SALISBURY, Feb. 19 (R) — Rhodesian warplanes struck into neighboring Mozambique Monday at a large Patriotic Front guerrilla storage complex, military headquarters announced.

The attack, in the Chimoiro region, was against the Zimbabwe African National Liberation Army (ZANLA) of Robert Mugabe, a communique said.

"No damage was incurred by any other buildings or property outside the complex," it said.

It was the second cross-border raid reported by Rhodesian planes in the past two days. On Saturday the Military Command said jets had bombed Patriotic Front bases in southern Zambia.

The military on Saturday said the air raids into Zambia had been aimed at smashing a build-up of guerrillas of the Zimbabwe People's Revolutionary Army (ZIPRA) of Mugabe's ally, Joshua Nkomo. Forces were being prepared near Livingstone to cross the Zambezi River into Rhodesia, he said.

The military Monday denied reports from Lusaka that further bombing attacks on guerrilla bases had taken place inside Zambia Sunday.

Rhodesians had been awaiting largescale retaliation against ZIPRA forces after the crash of an Air Rhodesia Viscount last Monday.

ZIPRA claimed to have shot down the plane, killing all 59 people on board.

But military sources said Saturday's attack was not retaliation, merely part of a continuing operation against Patriotic Front forces in Zambia and Mozambique who had pledged to smash planned one-man, one-vote elections next April.

The last Rhodesian attacks into Mozambique reported by the Salisbury authorities took place early in December.

U.K. High Court to rule on Taiwan athletics case

LONDON, Feb. 19 (R) — A decision to admit China to the governing body of world athletics at the expense of Taiwan is to be challenged in the British High Court on Friday.

Taiwan's track and field association announced in Taipei Monday it would seek to reverse a decision by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) admitting China to membership and effectively expelling Taiwan.

The London-based IAAF confirmed that the first hearing was scheduled for Friday but declined to comment on the case.

Taiwan's sports authorities are seeking to repeat the legal victory they achieved 18



UPHILL TASK: Chinese women haul a cart uphill to a ceramics factory at Zibo in Shandong Province, Monday, the "Peoples Daily" commented that efficient workers should be rewarded above others, a blow for egalitarianism. (AP photo).

'People's Daily' urges rewards

Chinese egalitarianism cracks

TOKYO, Feb. 19 (AP) — Socialism cannot be built by preventing people from getting rich, and more efficient peasants should be allowed to make more money, China's official Hsinhua News Agency said Monday.

Quoting from a commentary in Monday's "People's Daily," the news agency said, "Facts have proved that it amounts to sheer illusion to suppose socialism can be built by deliberately preventing people from getting rich. It is equally absurd to maintain a low income level for people in relatively prosperous areas or units to prevent a possible polarization of society."

The report cited a family of eight at a farming commune in south China's Kwangtung Province which it said was commended as a model family. By raising livestock and growing vegetables in their spare time, as well as working their commune jobs, it said, the family earned a net income last year of \$3,800.

"Before the Gang of Four was overthrown, domestic sidelines and village fairs were suppressed in many places for the alleged purpose of preventing a peasant drift towards capitalism," Hsinhua said. The family in Kwangtung "used deliberately to keep its income from sidelines at a maximum of 2,000 yuan a year, for fear of being attacked as an example of spontaneous

In Hong Kong

3 more Huey Fong officers charged

HONG KONG, Feb. 19 (AP) — Three more officers of the refugee ship Huey Fong have been charged with conspiracy in connection with the freighter's arrival here late last year, the government reported Monday.

A statement said the Huey Fong's first officer, Meng Cheng-shiang, 33, second officer, Yu Shou-yin, 34, and third officer, Lee Ching-chen, 52, will appear in court Tuesday morning.

The conspiracy charges are identical to those already laid against the captain and seven others from the freighter.

Captain Hsu Wen-bein, Chief Engineer Chen Chiu-shang, 37, his assistant, Lee On-shou, 38, Chief Radio Operator Chiao Sung-nong, 48, a passenger, and three Hong Kong residents were ordered held without bail last Tuesday by a magistrate's court.

The charges alleged that the defendants made false statements to the government, and conspired to bring illegal passengers from Vietnam to Hong Kong.

Hsu, who sailed the 2,290-ton Taiwanese ship packed with 3,318 Vietnamese refugees into Hong Kong on Jan. 19, has already been charged with carrying "excessive passengers."

The ship was anchored off Hong Kong in international waters for four weeks before Hsu defied a government order to proceed to Taiwan. It was refused entry here because its first listed port of call was the Taiwanese port of Keelung and not the colony.

British duke dies; was once worth \$1 billion

BELFAST, Feb. 19 (R) — The Duke of Westminster, the head of one of Britain's richest families, died at his home in northern Ireland Monday. He was 68.

He once controlled a \$1 billion estate, which includes large areas of the fashionable Mayfair and Belgrave districts of London, as well as run down Pimlico.

But several years ago the Duke handed over control of most of the estate to his son, 27-year-old Earl Grosvenor, who succeeds to the title.

The Westminster estates also include thousands of acres of farmland in England, Scotland and Wales, industrial plants and shipping centers in Canada, property in Hawaii and a sheep station in Australia.

1978 Abu Dhabi oil lifting down

ABU DHABI, Feb. 19 (R) — Abu Dhabi produced 527,381,902 barrels of crude oil last year, a drop of 72 million barrels from 1977, the official Emirates News Agency said Monday.

Good Morning

Etiquette

by Jihad Al-Khazem

Surprisingly, an Arab visitor in London queued like everybody else and most politely and orderly waited for the double-decker.

When the bus arrived and the doors opened he suddenly turned into a thunderball, flew over everyone and stormed the vehicle.

He didn't realize that doing so in London amounted to a crime. His innate habits were much stronger than the ones he acquired during his stay abroad.

At least he should understand that when one is a guest somewhere, he ought to respect the traditions of his host.

Again, a wealthy Arab rented an apartment in one of the most fashionable districts in London. No sooner had he done so than his family began to hang the laundry on the line to dry. They were apparently unaware that this was again a crime in London for the city's esthetic reasons and, owing to the fact that displaying one's underwear in this manner is yet more ugly.

Hadn't they thought for a minute that the polluted air of London would render the clothes dirtier than they were before washing?

That man, unfortunately, did not comply with his neighbors' advice, but had to wait to the police to reprimand him.

Another ugly image is that of an Arab lady who, unaware of the market traditions in London, goes on choosing, touching and molesting every tomato before the eyes of the astounded grocer. In London, it is the peddler who chooses for you and if you are not satisfied, you can go elsewhere.

Some Arab servants do not mind to throw the garbage from the nearest window to save energy, exposing their employers to legal action reserved for professional terrorists.

The other day, one Arab diplomat in Geneva went to his office leaving at home the servant and two children, while his wife went shopping.

An hour after he reached his office, he received a phone call from the police asking him to go back home immediately. The man thought that one of his children had had an accident. He was right: there was a large gathering in the street and policemen everywhere. As a matter of fact, the maid had simply hung the carpet from the balcony and was cleaning it with a stick, sending an avalanche of dust and dirt on the neighbors below.

(Translated from "Ashraq Al-Awsat")



CARWASH: A car got stuck in a wash in McPherson, Kansas, after an overhead pipe burst because of the sub-zero temperatures and froze the car and the facility. The vehicle was unlicensed, and no owner has turned up. (AP photo)

From page one

Queen

in economic and political affairs.

"The whole world has admired and respected Saudi statesmanship during recent difficult years," she said.

The Queen then toured the university campus and was greeted by members of the British and university communities along the route. About 700 British children, waving Union Jacks as the Queen's party passed and the Queen paused to speak to the children along the way.

The Queen then drove to Dammam Port for a luncheon investiture on board Britannia. British Ambassador Sir John Wilton who received his knighthood was among the British and Commonwealth citizens honored.

During their two-day stop in Riyadh, which was highlighted Sunday evening by a splendid desert dinner given by Riyadh Governor Prince Salman, the Queen and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, received presents which included a gold incense burner, a gold tray with a jug in the shape of a falcon and two goblets studded with amethysts. The Queen also received a chain which had belonged to King Abdul Aziz

Chinese

while Prince Philip was decorated with the King Abdul Aziz Star.

Iranians

mad Yali Gharani, repeated orders to troops to return to their units and for the first time he set a deadline—Tuesday morning.

And a press aide of Khomeini's reported Monday that he was suffering from fatigue and had been ordered by his physician to rest for three days.

The aide said he had cancelled all engagements until Thursday.

Two Pan American Boeing 747s packed with Americans fleeing Iran meanwhile left Mehrabad Airport on the third day of a United States Embassy-sponsored evacuation.

Australian, Finnish, French and British planes also left Tehran with their nationals.

The British flight included 25 wives of Embassy staff, including Mrs. John Graham, wife of the ambassador.

And United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim Sunday appealed to the Iranian authorities to spare the life of former Premier Amir Abbas Hoveyda.

Chinese

Chinese killed 700 Chinese and inflicted losses on one Chinese regiment.

The broadcast did not report on Vietnamese casualties, but said Chinese fired 82MM artillery and machine guns into areas of the five border provinces, causing heavy losses to life and property.

The radio also said that Premier Pham Van Dong and his delegation returned to Hanoi Monday afternoon after a three-day "splendid success" on their visit to Cambodia.

The Vietnamese embassy in Bangkok said Monday that Chinese troops have advanced no further than 10 kilometers into Vietnam and Chinese bombers have flown sorties about that far across the border.

That intelligence sources said Monday that along the Viet-

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executive power as president, has promised to lift martial law and to allow normal democratic processes.

But he has not said he will give up the command of the military, which will remain the real force here, and he will have the power to impose martial law again if he feels this necessary.

Out of the mass of 30 opposition parties, the Awami League of Abdul Malek Uddin, the faction of former Bangladesh leader Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, did best in the elections, collecting 27 seats, with about 80 seats still to be declared.



STIFF UPPER BEAK: Two young snow cranes step through a snowdrift in the forests of Akamachi, Hokkaido, recently. The area, in the far north of Japan, is a feeding ground for the species. (AP photo)

Milan forger may have peopled the professions

MILAN, Feb. 19 (R) — Hundreds of unqualified Italians may be practicing medicine, dentistry and other professions under false diplomas issued by a forger arrested on Saturday, police here said Monday.

Investigators who detained the self-styled Dott. Arch. Inc. Arr. N. Cav. Uff. Comm. (Doctor, Architect, Engineer, Lawyer, Nobleman, Knight, Public Official, Commander) Gotardo Sandino Roncolella found in his house forging equipment and a list of nearly 2,000 clients to whom he had supplied false documents since 1958.

The first name checked was of a respected Milan dentist with two successful surgeries, hundreds of satisfied clients and no qualifications at all.

Investigations are continuing and have already turned up another dentist practicing for 10 years on a diploma from the non-existent "National Ecclesiastical University of London."

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